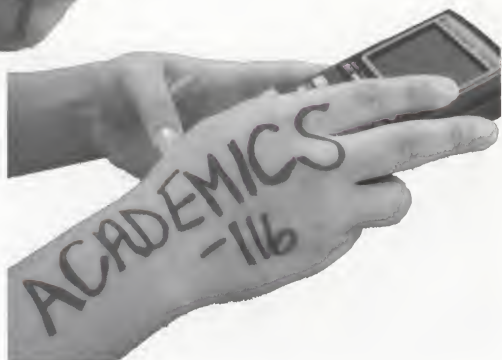


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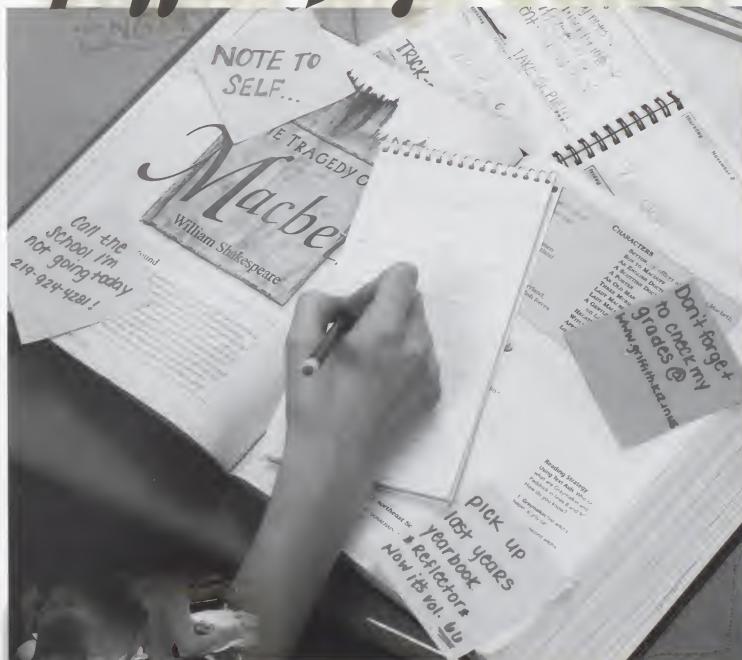






Griffith High School

600 North Wiggins Street Griffith, Indiana 46319



06-07

Note to self... Don't forget the new teachers names, Remember

number, Don't forget my new locker combo, Put my info in my planner, Do

my passes right away, Find a ride to school, Turn off my cell phone, Get

minutes early, Meet the new students, Don't be afraid of people, Do my

thing I do, Never sharpen my pencil during a lecture, Say please and thank

Don't get distracted, Stay focused, Try to keep my locker clean, Remember

my classes are, Be nice to EVERYONE, Find my friends at the lunch table

friends even in my lunch?, I can't wait to see who is in my classes, Will I

my?, Did I finish my summer reading?, What will

got, I don't like waking up this early, Well it is

Note to Self...
Get my PSAT scores from the
office today
-Allison Hanchat 11

Note to Self...
Get basketball slip signed
by parents
-Britney Cabrales 10

Note to Self...
Meet everyone at Hooters
on Wednesday for all you
can eat
-Andrea Naaman 12

Note to Self...
Remember English Sonnet
by today by sixth
hour
-Matthew Kuna 12

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Note to Self...
Go over the assignments I have
for the day
-Robert Saltanovitz 9

Note to Self...
Remind dad to rent me my
favorite game or movie
-Andres Minten 11

Note to Self...
Honor Society meeting
tomorrow morning
-Kelly Radden 12

An opening NOTE to 06-07

A new school year, many new teachers, a new lunch system, and new administration, what more could we ask for? Each year at GHS something changes, or maybe something exciting happens. This year we beat Andrean at Homecoming 36-13. We have a new principal Bonnie Manuel, and a new assistant principal Jack Birmingham. In addition to the new administration, there are also many new teachers. Kelli Bridges is a new foreign language teacher. Emily O'Brien is a new science teacher. Jane Sloan came from E.C Central as a math teacher. Not only do we have a bunch of new teachers, we have new students as well. We have three foreign exchange students. Two are from Germany and one is from Mexico. Changing notes a little bit, we have a new lunch system. On registration day all students got a card with a number on it. The parents of the students must put money into their child's account in order to use it. When a student gets to the cash register they put in their four digit number and then their face pops up with their account information. This new lunch system is said to have made the lunch process a little bit faster. If that does not appeal to people the old way of just having money is okay too. With all new changes in the school the 2006-2007 school year is ready to start.

Note to Self...
Basketball practice after
school at 3:10, remember
to bring my stuff
-Brandon Baker 9

Note to Self...
Study for Mrs. Schwartz'
psychology test!
-Miranda Pope 11

Note to Self...
Gotta work Friday at 9:00
-Dorian Kayden 12

Day after day

Student life, what does that consist of? Waking up 181 days out of the year, to get an education that builds the foundation for your future makes up most of it. In between, comes a lot of tears, laughs, parties, sleepovers, along with many more emotions and activities. I-STEPS start off the year, chapter tests every other week, and homework every night after work. Where is the escape? Where do the tips and advice come in? When is there time to relax? "When I am stressed and I need advice I call my older sister (Sarah Zajac), she is in college she knows a lot, or I call my boy Ryan Bridges a.k.a. Bridge Dawg," said senior Joe Zajac. Students have found their own ways and things to do to get away. As a teenager weekends are very important. It is a time to have fun, go out and enjoy the time away from school. There are always movies to see at Showplace, coffee to drink at Starbucks, or 18 holes to make at the Fun Center. When people are in a bad mood there is something that could put a smile on their face. There is Homecoming every year, fun labs in classes, new students from other countries, pets to go home to, and always new CD's coming out to take their minds off of things. If you have an open mind, grab a friend and enjoy life as a high school student.

Note

Get my

Call the

Princess?

school so

sweetest,

3:10 p.m

Show my

limo serv

college,

Self... Live love & laugh, Have school spirit, Don't be scared,
ing pass, Stand out, Be heard, Buy that new CD, Call Tandang,
Get Chula groomed, Have fun, Be careful, Can I be Turnabout
found my opposite, Work 4:00 p.m., Friday is pay day, Back to
Wet Seal, Last day of summer, Save money for gifts, Kiss my
ay away. New Hello Kitty blanket waiting at home, Sox vs. Cubs
Get pumped, Get in the game, Starbucks-friends 4:30 p.m.,
lent, Don't get stage fright, Mom don't. Dollars 5400.00, Call
I miss him, Make hair appointment, Play grad party, Apply for
n up for SAT's, Grad ceremony, Say goodbye

Note to Self...
Pack for trip to Atlanta
-Patrick Ruuskan 9

Note to Self...
Angel Management Tuesday
at 3:00 -Danielle Wilson 12

Note to Self...
Get a hot date Friday night!
-Devin Fogarty 11

Note to Self...
Going to Reapers Realm
at 6:30 with Emily
-Alison McCampbell 10

"I remember] that I didn't know anybody and didn't talk to anyone," says Ricardo Garate about his first day of school. Garate is an exchange student from Mexico who came here to experience life in the U.S.



Sara Wnucki, 9

Stacy Sanchez

New faces in the hallways

Butterflies in the stomach, new clothes on and a new school in view; that's right, it is the first day of school. Whether one is a freshman or from a different school completely, GHS is a brand new school, full of new people and classes. There are crowded halls, people talking and yelling, bumping into each other, not even apologizing for it, and slamming their lockers shut. Desperately new students search for middle school

friends, or if one does not know anyone, they look for a friendly face. Finally, one finds their locker, and after two tries, gets the darn thing to open. Whew! first obstacle overcome. Now, shove in the over packed backpack, new folders, notebooks and binders, find a class schedule and set off for first period. DING, DING the bell rings, the halls begin to clear, time to find class and sit down... the day has begun.

Many of us can remember our first day of school, excited that we were finally in high school but nervous that something bad or embarrassing would happen to us. Freshman Ali Pietrucha says she was really nervous and afraid of getting lost because the high school is big. "I'm really looking forward to [high school] volleyball and swimming, and I'm just really excited to be in high school," Pietrucha said.

Pietrucha went to middle school at Griffith so she already had a lot of friends here, but brand new to not only our school but to our country are the three exchange students, juniors, Julian Kern and Fritz Roehnert from Germany and senior, Ricardo Garate from Mexico. Fritz is from Göttingen, Germany and came to America because, "I wanted to learn the language and I like America." Fritz is looking forward to playing soccer because back in Germany he plays soccer. Julian Kern applied to come to America while in Germany, and got sent here because there was a family willing to be housed by the Rukes' family. Julian likes how many sports are offered here, but thinks our school is "too big." He came here looking forward to improving his English.

Not only do students get nervous on their first day of school, so do new teachers. Griffith High School had many teachers retire last year, so many new faces are in front of the chalkboard this year. The new teachers are Kelli Bridges and James Ford in the Spanish department, Sue Guilloyle (replaced by Amy Ott) and Emily O'Brien in biology, Jim Saltanovitz, Melanie Simpson and Jane Sloan in math, Scott MacFarland in computers, Pat Sadler in art, Diane Soucie in Family and Consumer Sciences and Barb Luevano in special education. Math teacher Jane Sloan is new to our school but not new to teaching, and if one thinks her last name sounds familiar that is because her daughter is senior Amy Sloan. Sloan said the reason she was nervous for her first day at Griffith was because she was not familiar with the students and staff. Sloan says, "I love teaching at the same school as my daughter; it's the best part of my job." This year Sloan is excited to use the computer lab and do other hands on activities to help her students.

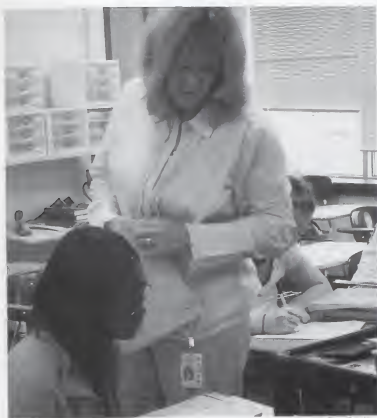
Another new year has begun, and the new students have settled into life at Griffith High School. The halls do not hold so many confused looking faces anymore, and new teachers are comfortable in front of their students. Next year the cycle will start again, and even the seasoned seniors will be the new students in class once they start their college courses next year. So let us all remember that feeling of insecurity on the first day, and always try to be nice to the new students and staff.



Stacy Sanchez



To keep her students interested in learning, Jane Sloan, math tries to mix up her days, "I try to do different things... computer lab and games-something to make it fun."



Stacy Sanchez

Note to Self: Get Inspired

"Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are."
-Bernice Johnson Reagon

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
-Malcolm Forbes

"A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world."
-Mohammed

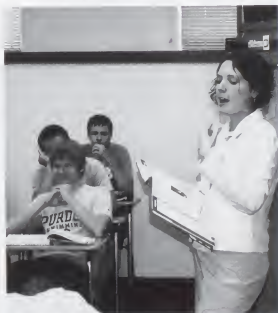
"There is no chance, no fate, no destiny that can circumvent, or hinder, or control a firm resolve of a determined soul."
-Anonymous

"Be the change you want to see in the world."
-Mahatma Gandhi

"Never live in the past but always learn from it."
-Unknown



Stacy Sanchez



Stacy Sanchez

The best part of teaching according to Kelli Bridges, Spanish, is, "Seeing them (students) get it, [the] light bulb clicks on." Bridges was nervous her first day; she worried about students' behavior.

Thinking back on her first day of school freshman Kara Buchholz remembers, "It was really big, but it was not as scary as I thought." Buchholz's favorite class is with Rachel Miller, English, because she likes her.



Stacy Sanchez

With a thoughtful expression on his face, junior Julian Kern decides that classes at Griffith High School are a little bit too long Kern said, "Class is only forty-five minutes [long] in Germany, or even less sometimes."



Usually seen talking to someone, senior James Bobowski chats with others in the parking lot. "I don't who know I was talking to, it was probably Billy Hilbrich (junior), because he's the man," said Bobowski.

Standing in line to get on the bus, freshman Jamona Simmons waits to show her bus pass to the driver. "I've been riding the bus for five years," she said. "I hate when it gets overcrowded."

The freedom of driving

Driving. They say that it is a privilege, not a right. But so many students drive that only a limited number of sophomores were able to receive a parking pass. Is it still a privilege, or just a given? Sophomore Gregory Joyce says he has to park on the street because he wasn't able to get a pass. "I don't like the walk, but it's okay, and it's not very far," said Joyce.

Many students are just glad they have a car. "My grandpa gave my dad the car and a tree fell on it, so after it was fixed I got the car," said Leah Morton, senior. "It was dented a lot."

Sophomore Chris Holycross's car was given to him by his grandma. "When she passed away she gave it to me."

One other obstacle of driving: passing the driving test. "I had to take my test twice to pass it," said Joyce. Holycross only failed the permit test. "The driving test was easy for me," Holycross said. Many can't wait for the chance to play their stereos as loud as it will go. "The trunk and the mirrors of my car vibrate," said Holycross. "My girlfriend says my car makes her house vibrate from down the street."

Others just drive to school. "Since it is my parents car, I just drive to school and football practice. I can't have friends in the car yet either," said Joyce.

Morton uses her car for everything. "Pretty much everywhere I go I drive, but sometimes I walk to work just for a change," said Morton.

"I drive to school and work, and sometimes I run errands for my mom," said Holycross.

"I am the worst driver you'll ever meet, you do not want to get in the car with me. I admit to it. If I got a new car I would drive better," said Morton.

Morton says she is lucky she got her car insurance when she did. "I had my license for a day and insurance for about fifteen minutes. My dad had just called the company. I was in a parking lot and this other girl and I backed into each other. I was glad my dad didn't get mad."

The cost of owning a car seems to become more and more expensive. Many students have to have their parents pay for the always increasing gas prices because they can only afford the insurance.

Not everyone drives to school though. "I don't mind the walk, since I only live like a block away," said sophomore Alison McCampbell. "I don't think I would be able to afford to have a car. It sucks when it rains though. I had to walk to school the day we had tons of rain, I was soaked," said McCampbell.

We can only hope the price of gas goes down and our jobs give us raises. The freshmen haven't been able to take drivers' education yet, or get any jobs. Although some of them may have to wait until they're eighteen before they can drive, most of them are going to have to park on the street.





Stacy Sanchez



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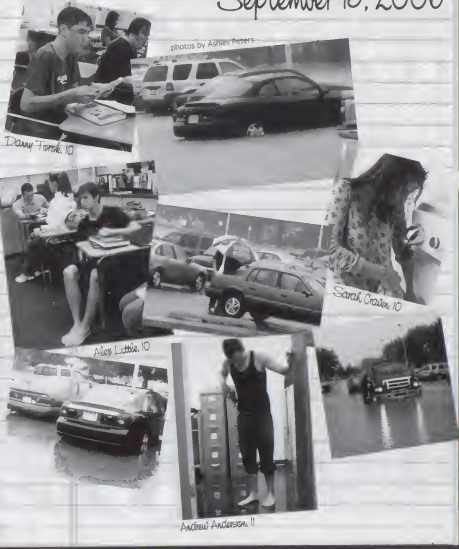
Another way students get to school is a ride from their parents, especially for underclassmen. "My mom was dropping me and my best friend, Aimee Johnson (sophomore) off at school," said sophomore Brooke Studniarz.



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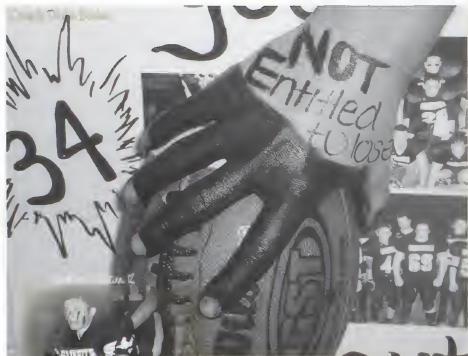
"I don't have a car like everyone else, so I have to skateboard everywhere I go," said senior Nicholas Sellers. "It's a long way to skate to school, so I usually get rides from other people," said Sellers. He has been skateboarding for about six years.

Rain, rain, go away... September 15, 2006



On a surprisingly sunny day for fall, senior Tim Swart gets out of his car to head into school. "I don't like that we can't park on the sides of the street," said Swart. Many students, especially sophomores, have had to find other places to park, too.

Stacy Sanchez



Ashley Peters

Dressed as convicts, senior Jimmy Bobowski and junior Dan Domsic, joke around at lunch the day of the game. Their shirts created a lot of commotion. "We try to be creative for each game," said Bobowski.

Jokingly senior Dan Woloszyn sports his "tuxedo shirt" for dress up day. Most people wear real suit or nice dress pants, but not him. "This was a way for me to express my sense of humor," said Woloszyn.

Searching for a secret object, freshman Jordan Rush, frantically seeks through the pie in hopes of winning for his class. "I liked activities day because it was a chance for me to socialize with my classmates," said Rush.

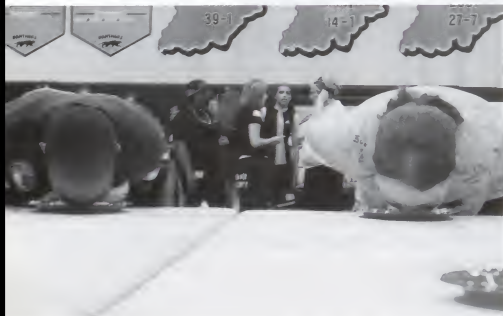


Katie Horn



Stacy Sanchez

Another new edition to activities day this year was tug-o-war with the teachers. "I thought it was fun for the kids, and great that the teachers got involved with the activities," said Kay Orzechowicz, English.



Amanda Uram



Ashley Peters



Stacy Sanchez

Out of breath and still running, sophomore Justin Gasper, strains himself in hopes of winning for his fellow classmates. "I enjoyed supporting my class. The falls hurt a lot, but I just kept going," said Gasper.

Walking in the parade with dogs in hand with the FCCLA was senior Jeanette Bridgeroom. "I had fun in the parade because I like showing off my uncle's dogs. They're really cute," said Bridgeroom.



Ashley Peters

Homecoming 2006: Griffith stops the show

Here at Griffith, football is without a doubt the most popular sport, and the most anticipated game is Homecoming. This year the game was against our biggest rivals, Andean. Spirit week and the parade are just a couple of the activities that can consume a student's Homecoming week.

Spirit week was not much different from the previous years. Monday was dress up day, followed by pajama pants day on Tuesday, camouflage/army forces day on Wednesday, and favorite sports team day on Thursday. Then, of course, Friday was black and gold day.

There is a lot of preparation that takes place before Friday even comes. Many students make t-shirts, bandanas, and decorate lockers to display their school spirit. "I spent three days making shirts to wear to support my friends on court," said senior Kelsey Troxel.

Also the members of Booster Clubs spent hours on Thursday night decorating the Wiggs entrance of the school. They put up balloons and a sign for each varsity player.

This year's activities day, which is always held during the last two classes of that Friday's school day, was done a little differently. All participants were made to sit in the first two rows, students were only allowed to sign up for one activity, and if there was no one who signed up for an activity from a certain class, then, they were forced to forfeit those points.

The Homecoming dance was a lot more successful this year than in previous ones. A total of approximately 300 students attended the dance. The Student Council came in hours before in order to set-up for the night. The fact that the dance was so great this year, gives hope that it will, one day, be as big as Turnabout or Prom. "I think that a lot more people will go to the dance next year," said sophomore Morgan Momcilovich.

The main event of the whole week, the game, approached rapidly. From the second the game began, the players were fired up; hitting everyone who touched the ball. A couple hours later, the game was over and the Panthers were victorious. "The game was really exciting because we beat Andean by a lot," said senior Ryan Bridges. The score was 36-13.



Katie Vecht

"I liked activities day a lot and the spirit week was fun," said freshman Jessica Breclaw about her first Homecoming. The cheerleaders, as well as the Pantherettes and the band, start off activities with the school song.



Ausley Peters

To show off the Art Club's talents, their float was a student painted gold, posing as an Oscar. "It took almost the whole day to make me completely gold, but it was cool because everyone was looking at me," said senior Caitlin Moisant.



Ashley Peters

"I needed a funny idea so when I thought of it I went to get an outfit from the basketball storage room," said senior Daniel Vanek. "I think this outfit was from 1974, which makes it even more interesting."



Ashley Peters

2006 Homecoming Court!

Page by Lauren Winiecki



Brian Lashick
&
Wally Goodlander



Corey Nash
&
Kassandra Kulig



Chris Tucker
&
Kiana Trench



Ben Giffert
&
Katie Chiswick



Anna Lashick
&
Melissa Trench



King & Queen

Ben Giffert & Melissa Trench



Katie Horn

Slow dancing together, seniors Kelly Redden and Corey Nash enjoyed their night at the dance. "It was good for Corey and I to go to a Homecoming dance together since we are both seniors," said Redden.

While waiting for halftime to begin senior Sam Kulig wore Lisa Worley's coat to keep warm. "I wish it could have been a little bit warmer, because I was freezing in that dress," said Kulig.



Katie Horn

As he was running through the blow up panther, senior Beau Leimbach felt excited about the big game ahead of him. "The best part of that game was when I sacked the quarterback from Andean," said Leimbach.

Dancing the night away, sophomore Bailey Curtis thought being with her friends was the best part of the dance. "Homecoming was a lot more fun than I had expected it to be," said Curtis.

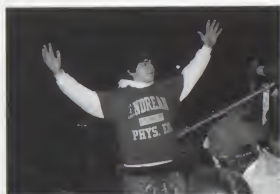


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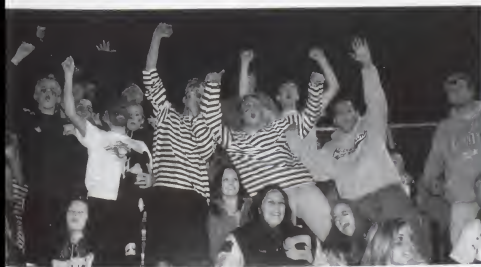


Katie Horn

Pumping up the crowd, senior Brad Pope wears a shirt from our biggest rival, Andean. Many students wore Andean attire to get our team ready for the big game. "I wore the Andean shirt to prove to our crowd that Andean was going to lose," said Pope.



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters



Katie Horn

Laughing and enjoying the night Junior Ellen Hurdish talks with some friends. "I was glad the dance was so successful," said Hurdish. "The best part was all of the good, free food."

Dressed as convicts to tease Andean was one of many ways Griffith students supported the team "I think dressing up and cheering loudly helps our team play with more confidence," said senior Michael Luna.



Amanda Uram

Performing in the GHS annual Coffee Night, two of the exchange students, senior Ricardo Garate, from Mexico, played guitar for Junior Fritz Roehnert, from Germany. "I didn't like singing, but it was spontaneous," said Roehnert.

After the Griffith game, seniors Elyse Janke and Samantha Higgins go out to Steak and Shake in Schererville. The girls go there to eat and hang out after most of the football games.



STACY SCHULTZ

Comparing Tastes in Music with GHS



"Having an iPod is a lot better than the radio, because you can pick when and what song you want to listen to without commercials and songs you don't like" - Shela Szo, 11

"I like listening to the radio, because you get a variety of music, and if you don't like the song you can just change the station to another one you like" - Alyssa Szo, 12





Ashley Peters

Tuning into the GHS music scene

During the school year, the music scene changes. Some teens just listen for new songs on the radio, while others go out and buy the latest CD, or teens download the songs on their iPods. Students here at Griffith High School find music as a source of entertainment or relaxation. The entertainment industry has risen because teens like to go out to the movies, concerts, or wherever other teens hang out.

This year the iPod made a lot of kids go crazy. Nowadays you can either listen to it with headphones or even plug it into your car. Some students download different types of music, while others just download a whole CD from the internet without buying it. "Having an iPod is a lot easier than listening to a radio because you can listen to the songs you want and you can listen to them anytime," said senior Jeanette Bridegroom. Every student has a different way of listening to their music. Some kids like going to concerts, and some kids like to listen to music at home. Every summer many kids go to big concerts that include a lot of bands.

Every group of friends has a different taste in music. Some kids in a group will like the same kinds of music, but others will like country and some of their friends will like rap. Teens will change their mind about music as they meet more people. "I like having a different taste in music than my friends, because when I'm with them I get to listen to their music," said Bridegroom. "I like their music, but I like having my own music to listen to when their not with me, too."

This year movies have taken music and dance to make them better. In the late seventies, songs from the movie "Grease" made it a classic. In the ninties "Save the Last Dance," had music that was catchy. This year, "Step Up" made the movie experience worth listening to. "If you like the music you will want to go see the movie more," replied Bridegroom.

Music and entertainment is a big part of a teen's life. Music can help a teen relax or pump them up for a big game. Many teens find music and entertainment as a comparison to their real life problems.



Stacy Sanchez



Stacy Sanchez

While learning the song for Eddie Covarrubias' Chorale class, senior Katie Kleidon sings along as he plays it on the piano. The song she learned was for the Fall 2006 concert.

At the annual Coffee Night, senior James Bobowski plays guitar and sang "Lost and Found" by Senses Fall. He has been playing the guitar for five years and enjoys it.



Ashley Peters

For the 2006 Fall Coffee Night, junior Josh Long sings "Ins" by The Coo Goo Dolls, while senior Sean Hansen plays the guitar along with the song. "I liked singing at Coffee Night, it was a lot of fun," said Long about the performance.

Another treat for a Griffith pet

A pet is something every little kid wants. Whether it be a puppy, bird, or a cat. A pet is a best friend to kids everywhere and someone to talk to all the time. They are always there to listen to anything you have to say. They will never judge or criticize you. Owners always know they will be there waiting for them when they get home from school.

Many high school students have pets. Sophomore Andrea Mullens thinks, "A dog is the best pet for a high school. They aren't that hard to take care of. They also are a lot of fun to have around with you." Mullens also says, "I love to play with my dogs, Mike, Posey, and Toots. All of my dogs love to run and jump around."

There is more to it than just playing around with a pet, you have to take care of them too. You have to feed them, walk them, and play with them. Senior Elyse Janke says, "I am pretty lucky my mom is the one who takes care of my dog the most because she is home during the day. She feeds him and walks him when I am at school. My dog's name is Sunny. The only thing I have to do is make sure I play with her when I am home or when I have free time." Janke also said, "The one thing I hate to do for my dog is when I have to clean her paws off after it rains, so she can come back into the house."

Sometimes something bad happens to you pet. It is sad and an unfortunate time. You have to get through it. Sophomore Ann Higginbotham says, "I had to put my dog, Ben, to sleep this year. He had kidney failure. It was really hard to do it, but it was the right thing to do." Higginbotham also says, "The thing I miss most is when he would greet me at the door when I got home from school. Even though I went through all the pain it wouldn't stop me from getting another dog. I love dogs; they are so loving and cute."

Pets are very expensive. A dog could range anywhere from \$250 to \$1200. The pet itself is costly, but so are all the things that come along with it. When you have a pet you have to get food, a place for them to sleep and sometimes training. There are many places to buy pets. A good place is the Human Society. The Human Society finds homes and provides temporary shelter for abandoned and untreated animals, prevent cruelty to animals, and educate the community on the proper care for animals. It is a great place to get an animal from. By getting your pet from there, you get a pet and you save the life of a animal.



Darci Lopez

With a dog in hand, seniors Andrea Naaman and Christina Kireta enjoy a meal at Wendy's. "We didn't want to leave Naaman's dog out in the car," Kireta said. She also said, "The restaurant didn't even notice. We hid it under my coat."

Showing off her two dogs in the Homecoming parade, senior Samantha Caldwell and her boyfriend, senior Shawn Horton, hold hands. "I like pets. I have a dog of my own named T-Bone. He is a good dog," Horton said.



Darci Lopez



Laura Beaupre

A stingray is a very rare pet to have. Junior Lori Marsh has a stingray as a pet. "My dad really likes stingrays and they are really easy to take care of once you get their tanks done. We have two of them."



Stacy Sanchez

I love to play with my dog Mitzy." Sophomore Keela Detmar said, "We have had her for two years. I tease her all the time. She gets so angry with me; it cracks me up."

What is the weirdest pet name you have ever heard?

"Deopers has to be the weirdest pet name I have ever heard."

-Chris Parker, 12

"McRufflers has to be the funniest name for a pet."

-Ashley Ames, 10

"The weirdest pet name I have ever heard is Felton. A friend named her cat that and I think it is so weird."

-Amanda Crook, 11

"I have always wanted to name a weiner dog Mustard. That is the weirdest name I could think of."

-Sydney Reis, 9

"Tio Tak and Shocker are the weirdest pet names I have heard."

-Shaivona Simmons, 9

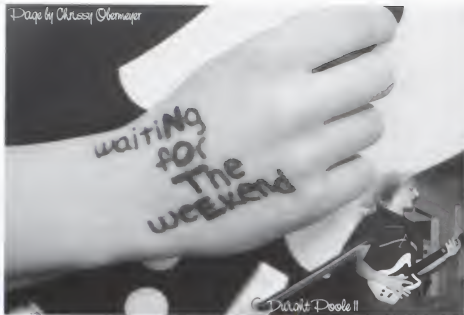


Laura Beaupre

With a lizard as a pet you might think they are a challenge, but junior Tyra Earl says, "They aren't that hard to take care of, and the lizard we have has such a different personality then the rest of the pets I have."



David Lucas



Josh Long

Trying to wrestle seniors Ashley O'Connor and Ashley Baker, senior Amanda Uram gets squished in the middle. "There's still holes in the ground from where they sandwiched me that night," said Uram.

Bundled up for warmth, senior Megan Verbeke sits around a fire with senior Robbie Buehler, junior Allison Colgrove and senior Brad Popa. "I like going out, but sometimes I'd rather hang out," said Verbeke.



Ashley Peters

Did You Know...?

The average kid has \$94 to spend on the weekends.

Sixteen-year-olds are three times more likely to be injured in a car accident than the average of all drivers, with a greater risk on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Kids ages 13-17 work an average of 15 hours a week, with about half of that being on Saturdays and Sundays.



Ashley Peters

With his Monster, milk, and Oreos an armslength away, sophomore Richie Popovich is set for the night. "When I don't have a lot of money to go out, it's easier to just hang out and watch a movie or something," said Popovich.

A few days of freedom

The weekend. Most students cannot wait until they can have the chance to go out with their friends to the movies, sleep late, or put off homework until Sunday.

"I love getting together with my friends and going to parties with them because we are crazy when we get together," said junior Brooke Miller.

Many people do not have a specific curfew, but some students have to deal with being constantly checked on by their parents. Miller said her mom always calls to check on her when she is out. Some students are even luckier and are not bugged by their parents at all, like sophomore Ashley Scott. "My parents don't really check on me; they trust me," said Scott.

Sometimes work can affect getting to go out on the weekends too. On Saturday and Sunday, students do not have to go to school, so many spend their weekend making money instead of sleeping late.

"I only work like one day on the weekends, usually in the mornings. If I do work at night, it's only until ten," said sophomore Richie Popovich.

For many of us, as soon as Monday comes, we cannot wait until Friday. Freshman Taylor Long says she looks forward to the weekend so she can hang out with her friends. "We usually go shopping or to the movies, but it's fun being with them and not having to worry about going to school the next day or having to do your homework that night. My mom checks on me a lot though, probably because I'm still just a freshman," said Long.

Scott said she looks forward to the weekend because she does not have to go to school.

"It's the only time I get the chance to catch up on sleep," said Scott.

Sophomore Amanda Craven uses the weekend to visit her boyfriend. "He doesn't go to school here, so we usually spend most of the weekend together."

So whether it be getting together with friends and going out, sleeping in until the afternoon, or working for extra money, everyone enjoys the chance they get to relax and not worry about having to wake up at seven the next morning. "I wish school started an hour later on Mondays," said Craven. "It would be a lot easier to get up in the mornings." If only that could happen.



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters

"I'd rather hang out at the beach, but you can only do that in the summer," said senior Casey Colby. "Usually I just bum around or hang out." Here, Colby listens to an iPod with senior Amanda Rakowski.



Brittany Zajcek

In her free time, senior Brittany Zajcek colors a picture of Hello Kitty. She likes to hang out at friends' houses and play Guitar Hero. "When I don't have a lot of money, my friends and I just watch movies."

To describe how he spent his night at Turnabout senior Casey Colby said, "I danced a lot with my girlfriend, but I also spent some of my time sitting around talking to my friends."

"Turnabout was awesome," said senior Brad Papa. Papa and his group went to House of Kobe for dinner after the dance. Many students choose to go there because of its unique atmosphere.



JOHN LONG



JOHN LONG

Dancing the night away

It is easy to tell when Turnabout is upon us: many guys and girls start to look impressively tan when it is only ten degrees outside, many more hands are manicured, and all conversations seem to center around dresses, tickets, and dinner.

Turnabout is the annual winter formal at GHS where the girls take a turn asking out the guy they want to take to the dance. This year the theme was "There You'll be," and the colors were red and silver with black accents. The dance is a chance for girls to feel like Cinderella... the fancy dress, fancy hair and maybe even a prince charming! Boys get to show that they do indeed clean up nicely as they don their suits and ties.

It can take a pretty long time to get ready for the dance, "[It took me] one or two hours. I got my hair and make-up done by a friend of my mom's and put on my dress," said sophomore Caitlin Stevens.

"It took me about two and a half hours [to get ready]. Getting my hair and makeup done took the longest," said sophomore Mia Reitz. After the hair is hair sprayed for the zillionth time, the last make-up check is complete, it is time for the hoopla of group pictures.

"The only time I got stressed [about the dance] was when my date was late to group pictures, so I had no group shots with him," said freshman Angelina Ojeda.

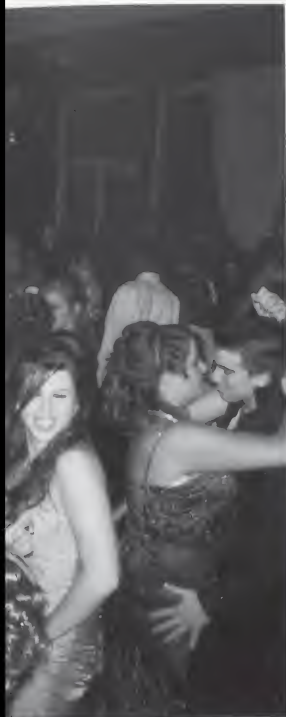
With all the preparations to do along with tickets and dinner, the dance can be pretty expensive. The works for a girl would be buying: the dress, the shoes, a tanning package, a manicure and a pedicure, a purse, make-up, and very importantly the tickets. The guy will usually rent the suit and buy a tie, shoes, flowers and dinner.

"It cost a lot because we went to the Cheesecake Factory [in Chicago] after," said sophomore Ryan Calihner. Other students went to restaurants such as Hooters, Buffalo Wild Wings, House of Kobe, Dick's Last Resort, TGIFridays, and Olive Garden.

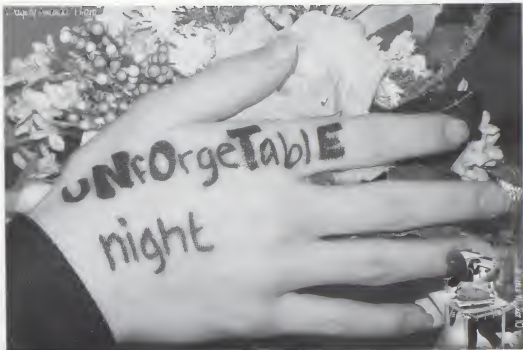
Dances are a great aspect of high school life. It is something many students look forward to from the time they were in elementary school. Different people like different parts of the dance; some like getting all dressed up, others love to dance, and still others just like all the after stuff like dinner and a trip to Chicago. No matter what's one's favorite part, be sure to make the most out of it, make unforgettable memories!



Stress was part of senior Stephanie Hansen's Turnabout night. "I got stressed getting my flowers, hair, and then getting organized for pictures, a making sure that my boyfriend knew what was going on."



JOHN LONG



DAVID KUBERA



JOHN LONG

Comparing last year's Turnabout to this year's dance, junior Allison Colgrove said, "it was a lot better than last year. The best part was getting to hang-out with all of my friends."

Everyone has a different part of Turnabout that they like. Freshman Ashley Robinson said, "My favorite part of Turnabout was spending it with my friends and my boyfriend."



JOHN LONG

How much was the dress?



Sarah Haskins 10



Brandi Hecker 10



Alicia Parnell 9

A. \$2200

B. free it's borrowed

C. \$18000

D. \$260.00

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Mark Blount and Sammi Holmes



Alex Little and Kristen Host



Karin Konepny and Prescilla Sepulveda

Turnabout



Mark Blount and Kristen Host

Court 2007



Ryan Gauthier and Monique Moncalogel



Brack Dwyer and Aimee Johnson

Josh Long



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Cheryl Popper

"This year's turnabout was better than last year's," said senior Andrea Naaman. "I didn't have to worry about anyone trying to ruin my night." Here, she poses with her date, senior Joseph Zajack. They were taking pictures at senior Molly Orzechowicz's house.

Posing for the camera, freshmen Kyle Terpstra and Meghan Macak have fellow freshman Kaitlyn Sudac capture a memory of their first turnabout. "I thought turnabout was really fun, I loved getting to dance all night," said Sudac.



Finding the perfect dress can sometimes be the most stressful and difficult part of turnabout. "It was hard to find a dress, but I'm happy with the one I found," said freshman Meghan Macak. "I thought turnabout was really fun though."



JOSE LING

"I loved seeing how pretty everyone looked, but the DJ didn't play very good music," said senior Samantha Higgins. "I was a little sad because it was my last turnabout, but I had a good time." Here Samantha has a laugh with senior Chris Parker.



JOSE LING

With the prince and princess already crowned, junior Kyle Najar goes on to socialize with other people. "I thought turnabout was better this year, I don't know why but I had more fun this year. The DJ was better last year though."



Because it was her first turnabout, freshman Chrissy Leslie was really excited. "I thought it was way better than Homecoming, and I liked seeing everyone all dressed up," said Leslie. After the dance, Leslie went to Round the Clock with friends.



JOSE LING

As she makes some adjustments to her dress, senior Kathryn Horn chats with sophomore Michael Beck about the evening. "My last turnabout was sad because my friends from last year weren't there, and the DJ wasn't very good either," said Horn.

JOSE LING



Page by Amanda Sharp

Not exactly two peas in a pod.

Have you ever seen two people walking together through the hallway, and thought to yourself, "What do they have in common?" The saying goes, "opposites attract," and it is as true at Griffith High School as it is anywhere else. One may wonder why two completely different people find love in one another; what will they have to talk about, and where will they hang out together and have fun?

Being opposites can be as simple as an age difference. For example, senior Lisa Worley is dating sophomore Ryan Galiher. The age difference between the two makes them opposite because they have different classes and different aged friends, which often means different interests and priorities for not only the couple but their friends too. Most students hang out with other students their age because it is easier to relate to similarly aged people who are going through the majority of the same stuff they are.

However, not only are couples opposites, but so are best friends, for example, seniors Ashley O'Connor and Ashley Baker. Baker said the reason they became friends despite their differences was due to the fact that, "We had psychology together last year and we did a lot of partner work together." According to O'Connor what makes them so very different is, "We have different opinions about everything, for example we have different beliefs."

Another example of friends being complete opposites would be sophomores Alison Kitner and Annie Higginbotham. "Annie is so sporty and I am the complete opposite," said Kitner regarding their differences. Higginbotham likes that she has a friend that is nothing like her. She said it is fun and easy to talk to her because, "We're so different. There is more to talk about." One may wonder what makes two people so different, and there is a wide variety of answers: their interests, after-school activities, how they dress, who their other friends are... take your pick. It could also be as simple as one really tall friend and one very short friend, which is the case for senior Nate Lehmann and senior Kristina Plucinski.

These people do not let their differences get in the way of their relationships whether platonic or romantic. So the next time there is a completely opposite person compared to you, do not reject the possibility they may be your soulmate or best friend. Being different can make life and conversations interesting.

"Kristina comes to my locker everyday to see how I'm doing. Sometimes she tells me that she's mad at me about something I didn't even know I did," said senior Nate Lehmann about friend senior Kristina Plucinski.



Ashley Peters

Joni Long



Because they are so different, sophomore Britney Cabrales worries about her friendship with sophomore Samantha Holmes. "It's good sometimes. Right now it's hard, but that's what happens...we're opposites."

To make sure that he has time for his girlfriend Emily Cutka, who is in college, junior Zach Koch said, "I get [my] work done in school and we have time [to be together] on the weekends."



When was your first kiss?

"Probably when I was eight." Brandon Baker, 9

"First kiss was seventh grade." Mike Ray, 10

"Well, like in first grade this kid came up and kissed me on St. Patrick's Day."
Kate Rone, 10

"Probably seventh grade, I don't remember." Nathan Vaughan, 12

"My first real kiss was in eighth grade, not the fifth grade peck I got playing
spin the bottle!" Megan Verbeke, 12

"Probably [first] one that meant something was in seventh grade."
Chloe Thompson, 10

"My first kiss was sometime during middle school..." Samantha Higgins, 12



David Kuyama



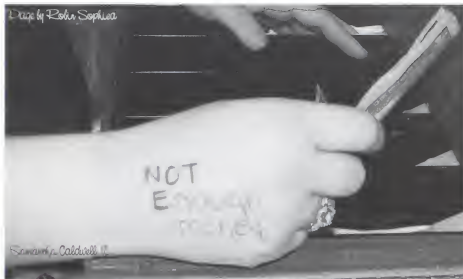
Stacy Sanchez



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Referring to his girlfriend, senior Amy Sloan, senior Nate Bryan said, "One of the main differences between Amy and myself is that Amy is shy, while I am outgoing."

When asked how age effects their relationship senior Lisa Worley said, "It's just that I have to drive everywhere and pay for everything." Her boyfriend is sophomore Ryan Gaiher.



Workin' hard for the money

For many teenagers, having a job is a given. Working is the only way for them to get spending money, and most teens will do any exhausting task to earn that money. They slave away at fast food places and other food establishments.

They work in stores too, while a few are even more enterprising and start their own small business. Some even attempt child care, though many teens would gladly pass that job to another person.

"Kids are vicious," said sophomore Dawn White. White works as a waitress and a hostess at 'Round the Clock. She considers babysitting to be just about the worst job a teenager could have.

High school employees deal with obnoxious individuals, take on challenging and sometimes boring tasks, and even clean up disgusting messes, something they undoubtedly wouldn't do at home, and all for a little extra money in their pockets. Now, especially, money is a big priority for teens. Gas prices are so high (about \$2.50 a gallon), they need even more cash just to get around, and for the most part, the only motivation young people have to get jobs is money to buy them whatever they want.

Some, on the other hand, might work for college money or to put something on a college application. Maybe they need to help out at home, or they want an excuse for why they didn't do their homework, and obviously some teenagers work because they enjoy it.

Sophomore Richie Popovich, who works at Subway said, "I like the people I work with. It's fun."

"You have to stand for like eight hours, but it pays well," said junior Kaitlyn Gibbs of the ups and downs of her job as a cashier at Menards on Sundays and weekdays after school.

Jobs can also be opportunities for students to get work experience in an occupational field they're interested in going into in the future. For instance, if a student wanted to become a mechanic, he could get a job at an auto repair shop, but he might have a hard time finding the job. Obtaining work at all can be a job in and of itself for some teens. They have to apply to dozens of places, fill out a lot of applications and attend interviews.

"I used to fill out lots of applications and then I finally got the job," Gibbs said of searching for a job until finally finding one at Menards, right when she was about to give up.

Scores of students who have had to go through the same process as Gibbs and some don't get a job at all. For others, though, getting hired is comparatively easy. Popovich only had to inquire at one place and was given the job of making sandwiches at Subway. White got her job at Round the Clock easily as well, though she did have some help from her cousin, who also works at the restaurant.

Working will always be a trademark of teenage life. As long as there are things to buy and disgusting jobs no one else will take, there will be a desperate teenager standing behind the counter asking, "Would you like fries with that?"



To earn a little extra spending money, senior Samantha Higgins gives a person their Polish sausage during her shift at Boz Hotdogs around 5:30 in the afternoon. "It's a fun job," said Higgins. "I like the people I work with."

Downtime at work means a few laughs for freshman Mike Matusz during his shift at Arenello's. Matusz, who makes pizzas, said, "A girl I work with said a funny joke so I was laughing."



Stacy Sanchez

Who works where?



Matt
Defesus-12



Brianne
Finney-10



Danielle
Fogarty-12

A - White Funeral Home

B - EB Games

C - Twin Towers Law Firm

Defesus-B / Finney-A / Fogarty-C



Kate Horn

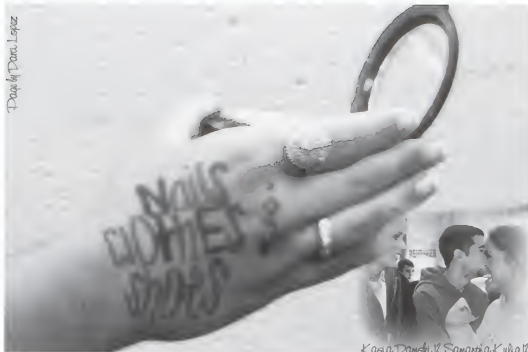
Cleaning the last table at closing, junior Alison Colgrove is ready to go home. "I work at the Subway in Highland," said Colgrove. "My parents don't give me money so I have to pay for everything."



Stacy Sanchez

"My job was easy, but there was a lot to remember, food wise," said senior Megan Verbeke, a former employee at Boz Hotdogs. Cleaning and restocking trays was just one of her duties, but she was unhappy and quit.

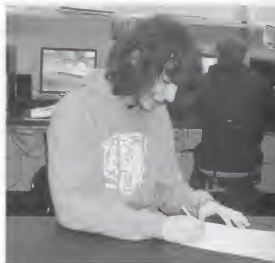
During his afterschool job at Duke of Oil, junior Corey Henson changes the oil on a customer's car. "They train me on the job," said Henson, who doesn't do any major repairs, only small ones.



Josh Long and Ashley Peters

Kona Danks & Samantha Kula

Senior James Bobowski likes to wear Chicago Bears clothes. "I wear Bears clothes before, during and after the game," said Bobowski. Bobowski is really excited about the Bears being in Super Bowl XLII.



Olivia Barlow



Stacy Sanchez

Wearing sweatpants is the way to go for some students. They just do not see the need to dress up. "I really don't care (about what I wear)," said senior Jelena Pupac.



Lauren Winters

Clothes are a big deal to some students. For some girls nothing is better than a day of shopping without a limit. "I love spending the day at the mall with my friends," said freshman Patricia Monroe.



Diane Lopez

Fashion to some is not all about clothes or shoes. Senior Sandra Novath enjoys dying her hair. "I missed my old hair so I dyed it. I like having different hair," said Novath.

There are some students who care about how they look. "I wake up at seven in the morning, (I dress up because) I don't want to look like a bum like Joe Zajak," said senior Aaron Salczynski.



Fashion Tips for 06-07



Living in style

Fashion is a prevailing custom or style of dressing. No where in the definition does it say what fashion should or should not look like. It is an opinion and expression. Trends are very popular at Griffith High School. Some of the "in" or "cool" items this year include boots, headbands, croc shoes, vests and the color black. Here at Griffith High School there are many different cliques who all seem to have the same style and their own definition of fashion.

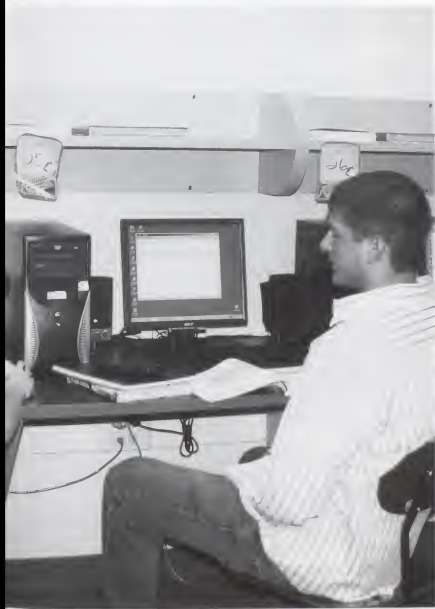
"I pretty much wear what I like. I do not care about where it is from or how much it is," said senior Melony Cabrales. There are students that have to have the newest purse or the latest sweater from A&F. On the other hand, there are students that roll out of bed at 7:45 and throw on sweatpants with a T-shirt. Some students do not care very much about what the latest fashion is or if it is "cool" to pop the collar of their pink polo.

"I think fashion is what everyone is wearing. I do not care if I am fashionable and I hate shopping," said senior Dustin Hammond. Shopping for five hours could be the ideal day for someone or it could be the worst day of a persons life. The way a person dresses can say a lot about that person and how they feel about clothes and the latest trends.

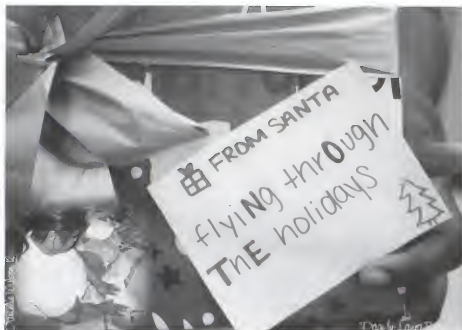
"When I get dressed in the morning I pick out my clothes according to my mood. I usually support the sports I like. If it looks okay I will wear it," said senior Andrew Wright. Many guys at Griffith High wear sport clothes.

"I like reppin' the home teams and showing support," said junior Doug Ashenbaugh. "I wear sporty clothes all the time, it is just what I like and it is comfortable," said Ashenbaugh.

For whatever reason someone picks what they want to wear, all that matters is that it is what they like and how they see fashion.



DUG LOGEZ



While waiting in the lunch room for the next customer, senior Chris Parker lounges around in his Santa Claus suit. "[My favorite part was] seeing at all the weird looks I got," said Parker.

Along with the rest of the members of chorale, senior Olivia Wagman marches through the school hallways, singing Christmas carols for all to hear. "It was really fun. We got to get out of class," Wagman said.



Ashley Peters

Carefully looking through the boxes of sweets for Paczki Day, senior Randall Zellers picks out his favorite for a snack during English class. "[My favorite part was that] we got to eat paczki in class," Zellers commented.



Ashley Peters

Random Holiday Facts

- Halloween beats out Valentine's Day in candy sales with \$1.93 billion.
- Christian leaders set Christmas to December 25 because it was a popular pagan holiday in Rome.
- About 91% of Americans eat turkey for their Thanksgiving meal.
- The first Easter baskets were made to look like birds' nests.
- The North Pole is 450 miles north of Greenland, in the Arctic Ocean.
- Only six countries celebrate Valentine's Day: the U.S., Mexico, France, Australia, Canada, and the U.K.
- Saint Patrick was really from Wales and was the son of Calpornius.
- The New Year's ball is made of Waterford crystal and is covered in 696 light bulbs, 96 strobe lights, and 90 pyramid mirrors.

A healthy helping of holidays

Ah, the holidays. Everyone loves the holidays, even if only for the short break from school. For the most part, holidays pass by GHS students as if they had never existed in the first place. Only a few seem to be able to hold their own and get recognized during the year.

The first main holiday during the school year is Halloween. Many students love Halloween. Some of them go out to scare little kids, while some actually trick-or-treat with the same spirit they had when they were young. Others usually help their parents pass out candy to the young'uns. A few of these people even wear capes or masks to school on Halloween day.

Thanksgiving is next in line during the year. Students are always grateful to have Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday off. This year it was 23rd and 24th of November. The time people spend with family and eat turkey are always a good chance for students to relax and have fun.

The main holiday of the school year is Christmas. This year, winter break spanned from December 22nd to January 3rd, with students returning on the 4th. With Christmas as one of the biggest holidays of the year, it's hard for students not to catch a bit of the spirit. Everyone goes out to the malls to buy presents for their friends and family. Some people even go carolling in their neighborhood to cheer others up. When Christmas day comes, people love opening their presents first thing in the morning. Although Griffith did not get any snow this December, winter break was still one of the best.

January 1 marks the start of the new year, 2007. Some students actually go out to party, while others stay home for a quiet night with their family or friends. Some may brave the cold and go out to see the midnight fireworks to bring in the new year with joy.

After winter break, the rest of the holidays mostly seem to blend together, with only a few standing out enough for anyone to notice. Valentine's Day is one of them. Students can buy roses for their special someone from the student council, or they can buy gifts for others from actual stores. Valentine's Day was even better this year since GHS students had a snow day. Since the roses could not be delivered on the exact day, they were delivered the day after, on Thursday.

Even though St. Patrick's Day does not get a big celebration, many students still have enough spirit to wear green to school, even if they just don't want to get pinched.

The last big holiday of the year is Easter. This year, students will have only April 6th off since they have to make up for the snowday on Easter Monday, April 9. Students will have the chance to go egg hunting with their younger siblings and relax with family and friends.

Holidays are actually a big part of the school year. Many students count the days down to the next day off and are grateful that they have it, even if they do not know what it is for.



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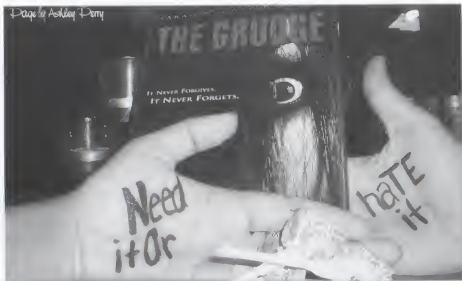
Ashley Peters

Standing by the window, senior Brandon Archer chats with his friends on Halloween day. "I don't even know what I was dressed as. It started off as Bob Marley," Archer mentioned.



Ashley Peters

During Rachel Miller's senior English class, students celebrated Paczki Day on February 20, 2007. The paczki senior Adam Casper was eating was a particularly satisfying treat. "We got to eat," Casper said.



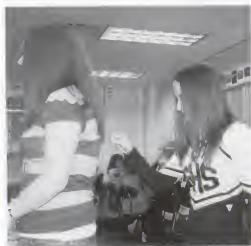
DARCI LUDER



Brian Lidster



Katie Horn



Ashley Peters



Katie Horn

Obsessively pulling a loose hair off of a fellow student's back, senior Kelly Redden demonstrates her unusual obsession. "Whenever I see a loose hair on someone, it's like my eyes focus in on it."

With chapstick in hand, senior Tiffany Lidster showed off her strange fetish. "I love the taste of chapstick, my favorite kind is my giant pink lemonade one." Lidster is one of the many girls who share this obsession.

Just a little obsessed

Imagine being attacked by giant, hairy spiders. Most would be scared. Or would it be 4-foot long snakes or other bugs and animals that would be terrifying?

All of us have some type of phobia, whether it is a typical spider or a tiny germ. There are the many fetishes, which people are completely obsessed with or devoted to. iPods, cell phones, brand names, and popped collars are just a few things that some people consider to be extremely important.

A phobia is said to be an excessive and persistent fear of something or situation. Sometimes we do not realize how serious an individual's phobia may be to them. When asked what she was most afraid of, and why, freshman Amanda Zaborowski replied, "Upperclassman, because they are just scary! When you bump into them in the halls, they get so mad! I guess I'm also afraid of being late to classes too."

Most common phobias shared amongst Griffith High School students are spiders and bugs. "I am afraid of all bugs. ew I hate them," said junior, Kelley Cloghessy.

Surprisingly, girls weren't the only ones scared of bugs at GHS; there were a few guys who actually admitted to being scared of them too. "I'm scared of spiders because they have so many legs. They're so ugly and hairy too," junior David Alexander said.

There were a few students who had some very unexpected phobias. Thunderstorms, feet, police, and pennies laid on the "wrong side" are things you expect people to say they are afraid of. Senior Elise Garcia said, "I'm terrified of drowning because I'm not a very good swimmer. One time, when I was little, I was stuck under a raft in the pool, and I thought I was drowning!"

"Thunderstorms scare me too," sophomore Mark Blount said, "I'm afraid of heights because you can fall and die!"

The fetishes of students at GHS aren't always easily noticed, but once you find one, you find them all! For guys, maybe it's cars, sports teams, or Madden '02 Girls' fetishes can be anything from designer bags, their appearance, shoes, male celebrities, or even Hello Kitty. Senior Mike Luna had a common male fetish, his favorite sports team. When asked about his fetish, Luna said, "I grew up watching the Braves on TV. I like them because they win a lot, too!"

Senior Trisha Brumley's fetish is truly an obsession. She said, "Paul Davis is the hottest basketball player to ever play for my favorite team, the Michigan State Spartans. I really just want to steal him away from his fiancé!"

One particular fetish that stood out from the rest was senior Kelly Redden and loose hair. "It just bugs me when I see loose hair on people, that's not attached to their heads. I have to pick it off, even if I don't know the person, I try to pick it off without them noticing!"

Whether it is a love for something, or a terrible fear, everyone has some type of obsession, even if you can't see just by looking at them. These GHS students have only named a few of the possible fetishes and phobias we may have.



Ashley Peters

Video games are a great pastime. There are many different kinds of them: educational, violent, and racing are three of many. "My favorite video game right now is *Animal Crossing Wild World* because it is so deep and so much fun," junior Andres Minton said.

Tiny new kittens can easily be obsessed with, so can food. Rachel Miller, English, is in love with pugs. "They are awesome, have you seen 'em? I would never want to live without them," said Miller.



Amanda Uram

Match each phobia to its technical term!

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Achluophobia | a. Fear of ghosts |
| 2. Catoptrophobia | b. Fear of missiles/bullets |
| 3. Ballistophobia | c. Fear of clowns |
| 4. Phasmatophobia | d. Fear of darkness |
| 5. Coulrophobia | e. Fear of mirrors |

Answers: 1.d, 2.e, 3.b, 4.a, 5.c



Chase Gault

Excitedly cheering on the girls basketball team, Daniel Woloszyn dresses the part in his "Let's take out the Trash" tanktop. "It was fun being there cheering on the girls, even though they didn't win," Woloszyn says.



Ashley Peters

Junior Nick Ficht and his friends get pretty crazy homecoming night. "It was fun being thrown up in the air, but it got tiring because we did it everytime Griffith scored," said Ficht.



What is your favorite sport to cheer for?

Football - 52%

Basketball - 18%

Soccer - 9%

Wrestling - 11%

Other - 10%

100 people polled



Nick Ficht



Ficht Club



Aurley Peters

Proud panthers

The fans cheer as the game goes on. It is obvious to tell who is cheering for what team, but there are always those fans that go above and beyond. Painted faces, crazy costumes, whatever it takes, those fans help make the game more enjoyable.

Superfanning is a great way to show school spirit without showing bad sportsmanship to the opponent. It is fun, amusing to watch, and a great way to boost confidence in the team as well as confidence in the fan.

"My favorite time superfanning was at the home football game against Highland. We dressed up as mighty pythons; some people dressed as horses and other people dressed as knights," said junior Josh Long.

A lot of people decided to super fan for the panther's football team this year. On homecoming the hallways were alive with colorful faces and crazy costumes.

"I had a lot of fun dressing up on homecoming because I felt like it had more of a purpose," said junior Nicholas Ficht.

Whatever sporting event attended, people will easily be able to find those fun super fans leading the crowd in chants and cheers. Although it may be freezing cold, or super hot, the fans still go out of their way to properly cheer on the team. They do not mind if they look silly or if people laugh, they just encourage their team to do the best it can.

People have been superfanning for a long time and for just about any sport. The boys' soccer team cheered on the girls for sectionals, and the girls did the same thing. Crazy fans dressed in costumes for all the home football games.

"I had fun cheering for the girls' basketball team because I like being there and supporting them," said senior Daniel Woloszyn.

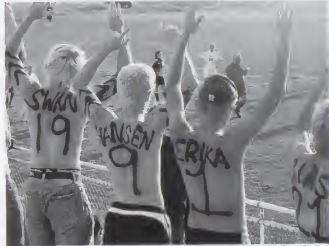
Whatever sport gets one motivated, they should go grab a poster and cheer on the team. The crowd does not have to be in a costume or have their face painted to be called a super fan. A super fan is a fan that cheers on the team and is there for them after, if they win or lose.



Aurley Peters



David Koppala



Stacy Sanchez

Shirts are an excellent way to cheer someone on, and that's what Elyse Janke's father wore on senior night. "I had no idea my parents were going to wear those shirts and I was really surprised," Janke said smiling.

Loud and crazy are two words to describe these fans as they cheered on the basketball fans. "It was fun cheering with everyone; the crowd was really getting into it," exclaims junior Jake Terpstra.

"It was freezing outside, but we stayed the whole 90 minutes to cheer the girls on," said senior Zoran Kvirgi. The boys varsity soccer team were excellent superfans at the girls' soccer sectionals.

Receiving a message from fellow classmate Rob Buehler, senior Megan Verbeke relaxes in choir class after a tiring day. "I was really stressed from life and classes," said Verbeke.

"After football games, me and my friends would always go and get something to eat," said junior Nick Ficht as he drinks a chocolate shake at Steak n' Shake.

Because of a long day at school, junior Doug Ashenbaugh and sophomore Enrique Meraz take a nap during 7th hour. "I wrestled with (Devlin) Fogarty in APC and I was tired," said Ashenbaugh.



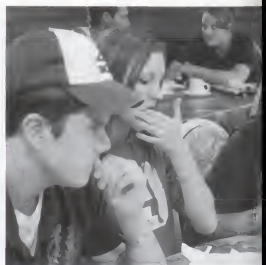
Ashley Wilcox



Lauren Wilcox

Sudoku Puzzle

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5				1		4		
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	4	9	1					
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With food on the table, junior Stephen Bakko and sophomore Katherine Kuna eat at Round The Clock. "Hanging out with friends and going out to eat is the best part of Friday nights," said Bakko.

Sit back and relax

Everybody has stress, but along with this stress they also find a way to relax. Some people relax by doing the obvious things, such as taking a nap or watching television. Well, not all Griffith students like to do the more common stuff, they decide to think outside the box. Everyone has their own way to relax.

Whether it's because of schoolwork, sports, clubs, or their jobs, everyone stresses out about something. "Little brothers, sports, homework, everything causes me to stress. I'll just try to lie down and forget about my problems, but I don't get to do it all that often because I never have enough time," said junior Jimi Nunez. Not all students have time to just sit down and take a breather, but luckily some do.

Don't think that students are the only ones who need some time to themselves. Take for instance Officer Marlene Staroveich. "I do my work here, I go home and there's still work to do. I have to cook and clean," said Staroveich. When it comes time to relax, Officer Staroveich just likes to listen to all kinds of music, from Christian to rock. "It's like an escape, I stop thinking about what's bothering me and I start thinking about the lyrics, it gives me a different perspective."

Some might like to read a good book. That's certainly the case for freshman Jessica Ritter. "I like to read romance books because they are something that I am used to and it gives me a comfortable surrounding," said Ritter.

She is not the only one who likes to read. Sophomore Kelsey Berry also likes to get lost in a book. "I like to read mysteries when I need to get away from my studies because they are fast moving," said Berry.

Maybe reading isn't the answer. Maybe all anyone needs is their family by their side. That's the way senior Danielle Wilson feels about it. "Whenever I need to relax because of biology or work, I just like to play with my nephew because he makes me laugh all the time," said Wilson.

Friends may also help. "Math is stupid and pointless. Whenever it gets to me, I just talk on the phone with my boyfriend, Alex, because he always knows what to say to calm me down," said junior Erika Aldape.

Bottomline, everyone needs some time to relax. Relaxation is key. Never forget to just sometimes take a seat, lie back, and forget about everything. No one ever knows when they'll get to just take it easy.



Katie Horn



Katie Horn

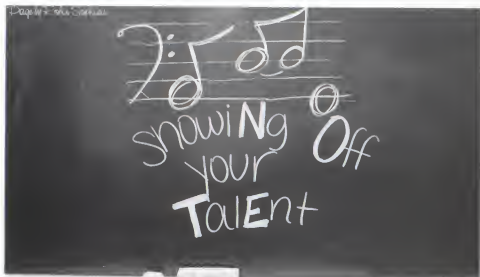


Stacy Sanchez

Senior Amanda Uram, a first year photographer for the yearbook, takes a nap in first hour to get some energy for the rest of her day. "I was just tired from the swim practice in the morning," said Uram.



Photo by Stacy Sanchez



Ashley Peters

"I really feel at home on stage," said senior Leonard Willinger, who not only played solo for this year's Talent Show, but with a band as well. "I had to fill in that night for Nate Bryan. I had to learn all their songs."

Up on stage, junior Dwight Poole gives it his all during the Talent Show, playing an original song with his band Evelyn Hills. "I felt a sense of pride that I could perform for them (the audience)," said Poole.



Bradley Pope



Match the people to what they performed during Talent Show or Coffee Night

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Danny Maglish 11 | A: "Reason to Believe" |
| 2. Auvon Chandler 11 | B: "I Am the Highway" |
| 3. Tiffany Lidster 12 | C: "How Do I Live" |
| 4. Codie Olar 10 | D: "All Along the Watchtower" |

Answers: 1) D 2) A 3) C 4) B



Ashley Peters

To spice up Coffee Night, senior Katie Kleidon wears a wild outfit and reads a note for a student. "It's (Coffee Night) a really laid back atmosphere, and it's fun to watch everyone do their thing", said Kleidon.

Music to my ears

The students of GHS have talent, and they want people to know. One way to let those people know is to perform in the school's annual Talent Show, held this year on March 30. There were ten acts total, and senior Leonard Wilfonger was awarded first prize for his drum solo.

"I'm always completely nervous [as if I'm going to vomit] before I go on stage," said Wilfonger, going on to say that his fear vanishes when he steps on stage and begins to play.

"Today, kids want to see a band perform instead of juggling," said senior Dwight Poole, in response to why talent shows consist mainly of musicians. Poole and the other members of Evelyn Hills played original songs during the show.

But while some students play in the talent show for the fun of performing, some, like senior Tiffany Lidster, perform because it's their life goal.

"This is what I want to do when I get older: I want to perform," admitted Lidster. As to stage fright, "[I was] kind of excited. I wasn't really nervous," said the hopeful singer, who has competed in the talent show two previous times.

Another performance was given by junior Auvon Chandler, the only talent show contestant who didn't do anything musical, instead she read a poem she wrote herself.

"The light was so bright; I couldn't see anything, which helped a lot so I didn't see everyone looking at me," said Chandler. "I forgot some of the words, so I improvised. It was great, though. I won third place!" she also confessed. "I wish there's another [Coffee Night] so I could perform, because I'm not nervous anymore."

Coffee Night is another place aspiring performers can show their stuff, but in a much more relaxed setting. It's held once or twice a year, with ten to fifteen acts, lasting about three hours. It's a place where students can hang out, drink coffee or hot chocolate, maybe eat a cookie and listen to their peers give it their all.

"I don't get stage fright. I really like playing music for people," said junior Danny Maglish, who has partaken in the activities of Coffee Night since his freshman year. "I've been performing and playing for six years," he continued. "I just like the reaction I get from people."

"I play so I can show people what I can do, [I went to Coffee Night] so I could play at a live show," said sophomore Codie Olar, who has been both a performer and audience member.

Coffee Night is a rather new development in GHS and has only been around a few years, but as long as there are students who want to play music for their friends, it will be here, along with our old-fashioned talent show.



Grady Poon



Ashley Peters



Grady

Guitar in hand, senior Ben Victory belts out the lyrics to a favorite song during Coffee Night. "I thought that it would be fun; spontaneous," said Victory, though admitting to nervousness before his performance.

Waiting for awards to be presented, seniors Sean Hansen, Leonard Wilfonger, James Bobowski, and Junior Joshua Long stand on stage. "We played some of our own songs that we wrote," said Hansen.



Ashley Peters

The DJ was a hot topic at prom. Senior Ryan Berry said, "I danced a lot and had a blast, but I didn't like how the DJ ended the dance without warning [that it was the last song.]"

For many students 06-07 prom was their last "My favorite part was going to the Dell's afterwards," said senior Kelly Redden "I was happy how it turned out." Redden will attend Purdue Lafayette after high school.



Robin Long



Elyse Janke

After prom, many students go out of town. While in Michigan, junior Dwight Poole was making a fashion statement. "I supported Dwight's fashion. I laughed at him though," said senior Andrew Wright.

While sitting and taking a short break from all the dancing, senior Kelly Staszak said of prom, "I didn't like the DJ, but I danced a lot and had fun with all my friends."



Making Memories...

The month of May brings warm weather, blooming flowers, and of course Prom. Griffith's prom was on Friday, May 4, 2007 at the Halls of St. George, and the theme was "Bella Noche." Prom brings with it excitement, stress, and for some, a touch of sadness. For seniors, it is their last big high school event before graduation. For the juniors, and a select few other underclassmen, it is another chance for them to dress up and get down. Upon entering the hall, there were dresses of all different shapes and colors, hair-styles of all different kinds, white tuxes and black, camera flashes going off, and smiles on everyone's faces. The hall was decorated with balloons and flowers of lavender, mint, and silver, which were the theme colors for this year. This year's king and queen were Tim Cooper and Lauren Winiacki.

"[Prom] is special because you can be with all your friends and make memories that will last a lifetime," said senior Mike Luna.

Describing the DJ, junior Erika Aldape said, "He kept playing 80's music [so I did not really like him] but I kept dancing. [Zach] Macak and I tried to make a train, but it failed."

Prom weekend is a pretty big deal as well; many groups spend the entire weekend together doing various activities. Favorite post-prom activities include camping, spending time at a friend's cabin, six flags, and other out-of-town excursions.

"This weekend my friends and I all went to a cabin in Michigan and had a bonfire, played bags, ate, fished, etc." said senior Kelsey Troxel, about her after prom activities.

Senior Lori Wartsbaugh described her weekend, saying, "We went camping up at the Dunes, we went hiking, sat around the campfire and ate. It was a lot of fun."

Monday morning brought suntans, sleepy eyes, funny stories and lots of pictures. Now that the weekend is over, the dresses hang sadly on their hangers, but the memories made will last forever.



Josh Long



Josh Long



Josh Long



Jeffrey Buchanan



Josh Long

Throwing her hands up in the air and having a good time, senior Jessica Phillips said, "I was sad [at prom] because it was our last dance. After, we went to Wisconsin Dells, and I liked it because it was different."

Showing off his sweet sunglasses, senior Daniel Woloszyn described his favorite part of prom being the, "mosh pit, even though I lost my phone, wallet, and camera. I was happy the DJ gave me my phone back."

"I really enjoyed my prom. It was my first dance [at GHS] and I really am glad that I decided to finally go to one. Everyone looked cute, [and] I had a blast," explained senior Danielle Wilson.

Taking pictures before prom, Juniors Josh Francis, Danny Maglish, and Mike Matusz group together. Francis, who went with junior Kaitlyn Scheffel, said, "After the dance, we went to Allison Stage's house for a bonfire."

Many seniors had to make the most out of prom because it is one of the last big events. "It was kind of depressing that it was my last one, but I had a great date and it was a blast," said senior Elyse Janke.



Josh Long



Josh Long

During pictures, Junior Zachary Koch and his girlfriend Emily Cutka walk around sharing moments with their friends. The first hour of prom is open to parents to take pictures and see everyone dressed up.



★
Prom Court
★ 2007



Lauren Dollard & Desmond Newton



Alexis Hartman & David Alexander



Miranda Pope & Kyle Najar



★
King and
Queen
★



Lauren Wrieckel & Fitz Reehert



Kayla Aquilera & Timothy Cooper



Josh Long

Cracking a smile to a friend, sophomore Keela Detmar laughs at a joke senior Brad Papa makes. Prom is a great place for everyone to joke around and have a good time while being all dolled up.

To describe after prom activities, senior Daniel Vanek said, "We went down to Alexis Gonzalez's campsite... we had a good time. [At prom], it was good to see my friends all dressed up for the last time."

Josh Long



After receiving his diploma senior Matthew Baccino is waiting to be seated next to locker buddy Ashley Baker. "I'm really happy because I don't have to go to school anymore ever, well, at least til the fall," said Baccino

A lot of the people in high school have been friends since middle school, or even Elementary "Throughout school I had basically the same group of friends, I don't know what I would do without them," said senior Krista Gidewell

Thinking about what he just did, Steven Siokos walks back to his seat. Siokos feel on the stage purposely to make everyone laugh one last time. "I thought it would be something all my friends would remember," said Siokos.

Entering the main gym Ryan Bandura waits patiently to receive his diploma. "I was lost during graduation because I missed the practice. I was at golf," said Bandura. That was the last time Bandura will enter that gym. "I'm finally done and I can't believe it."



Moving on to better things

Towards the end of the year some high school events start occurring that remind everyone the year is coming to an end. The biggest one for the seniors is the Senior Banquet. It's a fun time. This year it was held at Chelas in Highland at 6:30 p.m. Speeches were given and awards were handed out. The best part for some was the buffet. "The senior banquet is a place where I get to take one last look at all the people I have been growing up with. It is really sad to know that I won't talk to more than half of them in a year or two. I wish everyone the best and hope all their high school dreams come true," said senior Leah Morton. The banquet where people take many pictures and say goodbye to other students they won't really see anymore.

Two weeks after the senior banquet is the last day of school for the senior class of 07. During that day the seniors have their last three finals and at 10:30 am they go to the senior cookout held until 11:15. After the cookout there is graduation practice and a class picture. For some it couldn't come soon enough and for others, they just want one more year. "I am going to miss high school. Now that I am almost out I feel like I have to grow up. I'm not ready," said senior Andrea Naaman.

A week after the last day, is the graduation ceremony. It was held on Friday June 8th at 7:00 PM. The ceremony is where family and friends get to see their loved one receive their very deserved diploma.

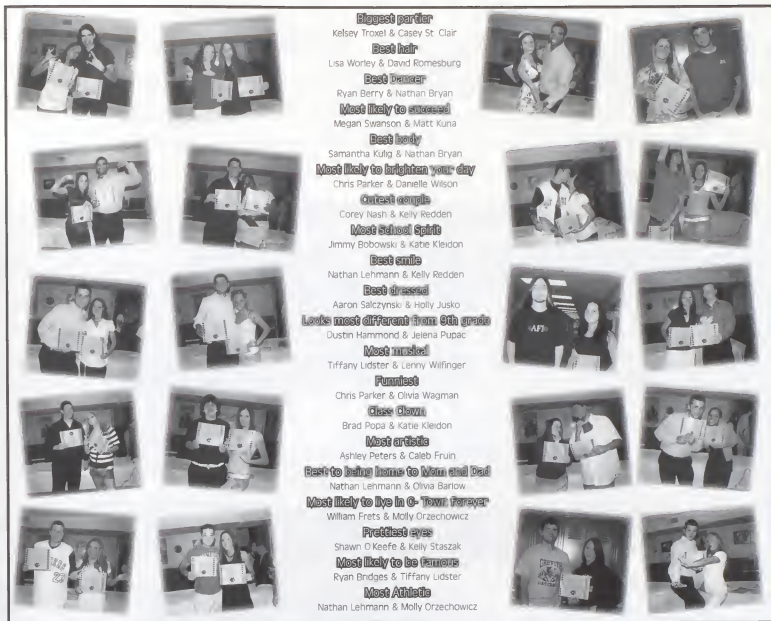
"My family was so excited, They couldn't wait to see me on stage," said senior Daniel Calhoun.

Some of the highlights at graduation are unforgettable, listening to the final speeches, seeing some friends for the last time and most importantly seeing your bestfriends finally make it to the end of high school.

"I can't believe it's finally over, I never thought the day would come," said senior Leah Morton.

With all the senior activities towards the end of the year, it gives plenty of chances for goodbye. Goodbye to the teachers, administration, enemies, friends, and best friends in the class of 2007





Biggest partner

Kelsey Troxel & Casey St. Clair

Best hair

Lisa Worley & David Romesburg

Best dancer

Ryan Berry & Nathan Bryan

Most likely to succeed

Megan Swanson & Matt Kuna

Best body

Samantha Kulig & Nathan Bryan

Most likely to brighten your day

Chris Parker & Danielle Wilson

Outcast couple

Corey Nash & Kelly Redden

Most School Spirit

Jimmy Bobowski & Katie Kleidon

Best smile

Nathan Lehmann & Kelly Redden

Best dressed

Aaron Salczynski & Holly Jusko

Looks most different from 8th grade

Dustin Hammond & Jelena Pupac

Most trusted

Tiffany Lidster & Lenny Wilfinger

Punkiest

Chris Parker & Olivia Wagman

Class clown

Brad Popa & Caleb Kleidon

Most artistic

Ashley Peters & Caleb Fruin

Best to bring home to Mom and Dad

Nathan Lehmann & Olivia Barlow

Most likely to live in O-Town forever

William Frets & Molly Orzechowicz

Prettiest eyes

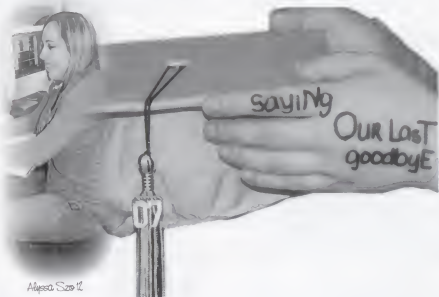
Shawn O'Keefe & Kelly Staszak

Most likely to be famous

Ryan Bridges & Tiffany Lidster

Most Athletic

Nathan Lehmann & Molly Orzechowicz



Algebra Says 12

The senior banquet is one of the last memories seniors will have together. Seniors Darci Lopez and Olivia Barlow were sharing food. "They wouldn't let our table go so I took food from Libby, she's the best," said Lopez.

Note to Self...
Go to band Monday and
Thursday 3:15-5:00
- Michelle Plucinski 10

Note to Self...
Remember to be at Plaza
Lanes at 3:30 on Thursday
- Ted Basham 10

Note to Self...
Get the bowling scores
from the captain
- Tiffany Lidster 12

Note to self.... Remember my money for International club by Mon

to join **FOCUS** Don't forget to be in the gym for the blood drive, **IDEA** **FOCUS**

ing with the stuff, try to bring in food for the drive, I hope we win to get a

Go to my meeting at 3:30. Bring a snack in for the whole club, Make up

T-shirts for Key Club. I wonder who got hit by the "drunk driver." Take Mu

9:15, Make reservations for the bowling alley. Try not to be late for the meet

people, See new faces. Join the clubs for my college application. Go and see

thing for the competition. Never let anyone know I am scared, Do my best, D

bring me down, Ask Joanna if she wants to come to the pet parade, Enjoy my

the new teachers, Never forget the friendly faces, Recap on the year and all

Helping with one problem at a time

Sometimes going to school, working, and being in sports is just not enough for some people; clubs just have to complete their busy lives. "I feel better about myself. I get involved. I meet a lot of people and in turn I make a lot of friends," said senior Elise Garcia. Going to GHS can supply people with all kinds of clubs. If one is a fan of helping others in need for any reason, there is FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) and Key Club. "I enjoy helping people; it really makes me feel good about myself," said senior Karolina Damski, the president of Key Club. Both of those are volunteering clubs. FCCLA goes on field trips to nursing homes, shelter homes, and many more just to help people out. If there is a more creative person in need of a club, there is Art Club. They can do pretty much any kind of art after school. They can catch up on ceramics, jewelry, photography, or anything else they need. If someone is not interested in the bowling team, there is a Bowling Club, that it gives everybody a chance to shine. If someone feels there is something they could do help their peers, they can join S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions). "We try to have different activities to let them know that it is not cool to smoke or drink," said senior Ashlee Crundwell. They do things to persuade their fellow students not to drink. Many people at GHS are interested in business; for these students, there is D.E.C.A. If none of those clubs apply to a student, there are many more like Booster Club, International Club, Thespians, Science Olympiad, Class Council, or Honor Society. For whatever reason one wants to be in a club, there are many to choose from.

Note to Self...
Get money for the next
fieldtrip
-Lautan Pollard 11

Note to Self...
S.A.D.D. meeting at
7:30 on Thursday morning
-Billy Glass 10

Note to Self...
3:40 chit
-Jacob Anderson 9

Note to Self...
Science Olympiad meeting at
4:30 today. Don't forget to
deal with the rat infestation at
home first
-Larry Matevina 10

D.E.C.A



First Row: Kim Plenck, Naomi Lyles, Caroline Herrera, Brittany Erickson, Timothy Scheil, Charisse Bogan, Ashlee Crundwell Second Row: Erika Aldape, Danielle Wilson, Rex Cullen, Zoran Kvirgic, Katherine Kuna, Ashley George, Brienne Finney Third Row: Leah Morton, Jimi Nunez, Jason Taylor, Evan Hixon, Christopher Dunagan, Kelli Dewees

S.A.D.D



First Row: Ashlee Crundwell, Brittany Erickson Second Row: Officer Marlene Starcevic, Mahmood Issa, Britney Hill, Megan Anderson, Aundalyse Parquet, Melany Gonzalez, Jamie Freeman, Kelsey Berry Third Row: Kristen Guley, Lawrence Matovina, Sean Perez, Billy Glass, Shelby Higgins

Honor Society

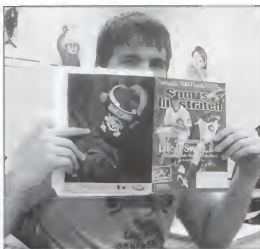


First Row: Olivia Barlow, Nathan Lehmann, Billy Cahill Second Row: Elizabeth Ryzak, Jessica Gerlich, Lauren Pollard, Rachel Convery, Brittany Evanich, Josh Long, Elyse Janke, Samantha Royal Third Row: James Bobowski, Kevin Meece, Eric Ritter, Daniel Domsic, Matthew Kuna, Adam Casper, Ellen Hurdish

Honor Society



First Row: Kelly Redden, Olivia Barlow, Nathan Lehmann, Billy Cahill Second Row: Jaquallynn Ranck, Ashley Roll, Amy Miles, Elise Garcia, Zoran Kvirgic, Ryan Berry, Samantha Kulig, Jessica Phillips Third Row: Matthew Cavazos, Cathy Rudzinski, Emily Cloroiaru, Allison Colgrove, Amanda Crook, Amy Fitzgerald, Candice Tripp Third Row: Lori Wartbaugh, Kristyn Maynard



Ryan's sister is Brittany



Who is friends with Amy Miles



Amy knows Kara Buchholz



Who is dating Jackson Buzea



Jackson plays baseball with Michael Barlow



Who is best friends with Michael Ray

Michael is dating Alexa Dragon



GHS Web

Throughout the four years a student is in high school, numerous relationships are made; whether it is dating, friendships, or just acquaintances. Especially at a high school in a small town, most people seem to be connected to each other in one way or another. Clubs have the ability to connect so many different types of people. One club can force the valedictorian, the class clown, and the laziest slacker to all be in the same place together. There are clubs for people who enjoy being creative, doing community service, showing school spirit, and learning about other cultures from around the world. No matter what the interest is, there is a club for it and a group of people who share that. However, clubs are not the only way that students can be connected to each other. Students can be linked through sports, friends, classes, and tons of other ways. So, look at this diagram and see how any two students at GHS can be linked in various ways.

Who played tennis with Sam Royal



Sam is in band with
Carl Eisner



Who kissed Nick
Schultz's girlfriend



Nick plays football and
Elyse Janie is a manager



Who is in Panther Press with Ashley Darrough



Ashley's neighbor is Daniel Velaz



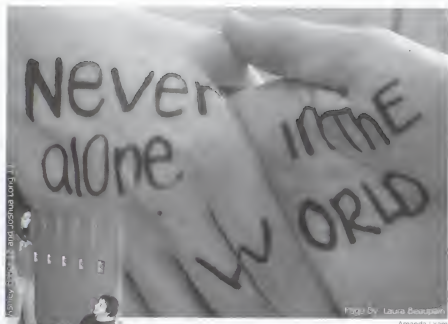
Who has the same chemistry
teacher as Christy Leal



Christy is a cheerleader with Shella Szo

Who is in Class Council With Emily Clorionu





Going Clubbin'

Griffith High School is a menagerie of different people, all with their own talents, quirks, and lives. It can be hard to make friends. Sometimes it can be a complete pain, right? But, there are some things everyone has that can help them out in this kind of predicament.

Everyone has, or should have, at any rate, an idea of things that they like. In many cases, that interest manifests itself as a club or extracurricular activity that is sponsored by the school. GHS is the proud host of several clubs, and as long as you sign up on time, most clubs allow just about anyone to join in and have fun. People who like to volunteer and help others can either join the Key Club or FCCLA, Family Career Community Leaders of America. These organizations gather people who have passionate and altruistic natures.

Senior Megan Verbeke is in Key Club, and she says, "It's mostly volunteer work, so you do what you can." Likewise, when someone has a creative streak, it is very likely that they'll join up with the Art Club, Drama Club or Thespians.

Junior Elizabeth Ryzak, a member of Art Club, said, "I guess I really just like art, and I like being creative, and it's just something where I can use my imagination."

If one wants to learn and compete at the same time, an Academic Super Bowl team may be the right choice for them. GHS offers several teams to join, each differing by subject. Students who seek to help others decide against making harmful decisions may join S.A.D.D. to look out for their friends and fellow peers.

"This Saturday we're going to the Hospice to cheer the people up. We just help people," tells sophomore Crystal Jones. Teenagers who wish to help out the school or learn several management techniques can coalesce with the Booster Club or D.E.C.A.

Freshman Kara Buchholz, a member of Booster Club, says, "We decorate lockers, do a lot of sports stuff, and that's basically it." However, if someone's just looking to participate in sporting events, the Bowling Club or Varsity Club is likely their best choice.

All these clubs, and many more, can be the gateway anyone needs to find some new friends. All they need to do is gather the courage and attend a meeting. They'd be surprised how easy it is to meet new buddies.



During the Fall Concert, senior Tiffany Lidster performed a miraculous solo in front of a large audience. "I love being in front of crowds, and I hope to do that one day," Lidster mentioned.

Ashley Peters

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KARL HOFFMANN



Avery Peter:

Booster Club

First Row: Kelly Staszak, Kristina Plucinski, Kelly Redden, Melony Cabrales, Amy Miles, Samantha Kulig Second Row: Olivia Barlow, Danielle Wilson, Lauren Kelley, Nicole Koleski, Amanda Koleski, Casey Nunez, Karrie Obranovich, Jessica Phillips Third Row: Kayla Aguilera, Allison Colgrove, Lauren Pollard, Britneve Hill, Shela Szo



Booster Club

First Row: Jackie Lopez, Alexis Mata, Michelle Plucinski, Taylor Long, Amanda Craven, Amber Crook, Katie Mitchell, Amber Cornett; Second Row: Melissa Stadnik, Valerie Scholte, Brooke Blackard, Caitlyn McCabe, Shannon Carpenter, Kara Bucholtz, Jessica Flores, Elizabeth Flores; Third Row: Sara Popovich, Jessica Breclaw, Kristen Guley, Shelby Higgins, Megan Anderson

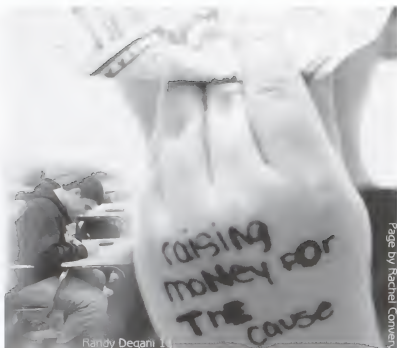


Varsity Club

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International Club

First Row: Catherine Kus, Erin Moore, Trisha Brumley, Brittany Erikson, Olivia Barlow Second Row: Jessica Phillips, Melissa Pilipow, Britney Hill, Allison Colgrove, Michaela Ezell, Michelle Plucinski, Jamie Freeman Third Row: Auvon Chandler, Elizabeth Hancock, Keith Mitchell, Kelli Dewees, Aundalyse Parquet



Randy Degani

Page by Rachel Conway

Fundraising for Chorale, Mr. Fish comes in to explain what the students must try to sell so they can raise money for trips like Los Angeles over Spring Break. They also raise money for new music for the concerts.

"I liked doing the band dinner, we had a lot of success doing it this year and it was fun," said Candice Tripp. The dinner was held on February 10th in the Griffith High school cafeteria from 4:30 pm to 7 pm.

Different fundraisers, different reasons

Here at Griffith High there are many clubs that students can participate in, such as booster club, honor society, band, choir, student council, key club etc. Many, if not all of the clubs, will need money sometime during the year for something, whether it is for a field trip, a dance, a dinner, or anything else. When the clubs at GHS need money for whatever reason, they start a fundraiser. Some fundraisers at GHS are selling roses for Valentines Day, Santa Grams for Christmas, coupon cards for prom, and a ticket to get into a spaghetti dinner for band.

"Student Council sells roses for Valentine's Day to raise money, but we also do it because it is a good way to show someone special to you that you care," said Junior student council member Jamie Freeman.

Another fundraiser is selling candy. National Honor Society sells candy to raise money for an induction ceremony and the top ten banquet. NHS also sold santa grams for Christmas.

The clubs at GHS not only have many fundraisers, they also have different types of drives. Throughout the year there are food drives for the homeless, and a blood drive.

The blood drive is done every year. It is held by the high school band. If a student chooses to give blood, they must have a permission slip signed by a parent if they are under 18. Before giving blood there is a packet students must read through and answer a series of questions. After the packet is complete by the student they get poked by a needle in their hand to check their iron. There must be a certain amount to proceed on to finally giving blood.

"We did the band dinner fundraiser to raise money for equipment," said junior band member Matthew Cavazos.

The other drive done at Griffith is a food drive. Student Council holds it. It is to get food for homeless shelters around the area. In order to motivate the students there is usually a contest set up. It usually says the class that collects the most food gets a reward.

All the clubs at GHS try hard to help people as well as themselves. The fundraisers and drives that are done are mainly to provide underprivileged people with needs. They also try to help their own club raise money to make fellow students happy. Many people appreciate the work done by the clubs.



Stacy Sanchez

What clubs do these fundraisers?

1. What GHS club sells Mardi Grams during the month of February for Mardi Gras?
2. Which club did the Blood Drive?
3. During the beginning of February what club sponsors the Rose sales?
4. For Christmas what club does Santa Grams?
5. During the cold winter months what club sponsors the Mitten Drive for the shelters around the area?
6. Which club raises money for the Animal Shelter?
7. What school club raises money for their Spring Break trip to Los Angeles?

- a. FCCLA
- b. National Honor Society
- c. National Honor Society
- d. Student Council
- e. Choir
- f. International Club
- g. Student Council & FCCLA



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During the month of February, the National Honor Society took initiative to raise money by selling boxes of candy. Each member got one box and had to sell the candy and collect the money by the end of the month.



First Row: Theresa Ramos, Matthew Beck, Jake Long, Zachary Kisfalusi Second Row: Jill Fitzgerald, Jane Hurdish, Raquel Mazur

9th Grade ACES



First Row: Robin Sophiea, Kellie Bubala, Charisse Bogan, Annie Higginbotham Second Row: Theresa Ramos, Nelson Oliver, Brandon Rukes, Michael Beck, Katie Lesniewski

10th Grade ACES



First Row: Casey Nunez, Keegan Kiral, Brittany Evanich, Joshua Long, Amy Fitzgerald Second Row: Billy Hilbrich, Jacob Terpstra, Kyle Najjar, Ellen Hurdish

11th Grade ACES



First Row: Lisa Worley, Randall Zellers, Eric Ritter, Jessica Gerlich Second Row: Billy Cahill, Kevin Meece, Matt Kuna, Evan Hixon, Jimmy Bobowski

12th Grade ACES

Chorales



First Row Zachary Kofalus, Mike Saberdac, Matthew Beck, Will Denison, Justin Phillips, Nick Sharpe, Eddie Covarrubias Second Row Jake Long, Guillermo Hernandez, Jose Cordero, Alex Luford, Jacob Anderson, Gabe Sotres, Quinn Barwick Third Row Nick Bobowski, Nick Gaydos, Josh Holbrook, Jimmy Burch, Ryan Voges, Nate Lara, Nick Gallina, Sam Carter Fourth Row Matthew Plawicki, Robert Welch, Kyle Carter, Jacob Evanch, Chad Koble, Robert Saltonovitz, Steven Kephart

Chorale



First Row Jessica Phillips, Dwight Poole, Amanda Tharp, Katie Kieldon, Katie Tom, Lou Wagman, Megan Verbeke, Kelly Redden, Second Row Matt Cavazos, Tiffany Lidster, Lisa Worley, Lon Wartsbaugh, Josh Long, Dan Rukes, Eddie Covarrubias Third Row Corey Nash, Zachary Koch, Danielle Fogarty, Elizabeth Stanford, Becky Cumow, Tyler Louviere Fourth Row Andrew Anderson, Dan Woloszyn, James Buehler, Nate Lehmann, Nate Bryan

Thespians



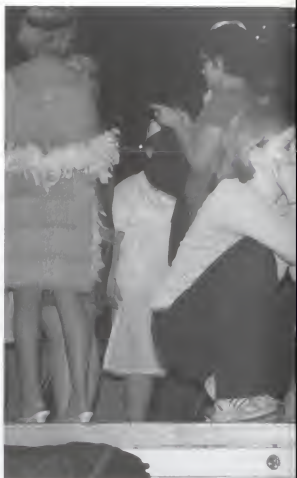
First Row Lisa Meggauer, Catherine Kus, Caroline Herrera, Jessica Gerlich, Amy Fitzgerald, Destiny Cox Second Row Charlie Cole, Larry Matovina, Zachary Koch, Stephen Bakko, Katie Horn

In one scene, junior Lauren Pollard and sophomore Michael Beck are shown together at a dinner. Beck said, "I like drama because I get to express myself in ways that I wouldn't normally be able to."



Senior Leah Morton and her sister, Taylor Morton, who fixed costumes for the play at Griffith, talk during a practice. Leah Morton said, "Being with people in drama is fun and so are our traditions."

During a play practice, junior Stephen Bakko decides to take a break from all the drama. Bakko said, "I love being in drama. You get to meet wonderful people and it's just the opportunity of a lifetime."



What was your favorite play that GHS performed?

"I really enjoyed the Drama Night plays because they were short and funny." -Sara McInerney, 9

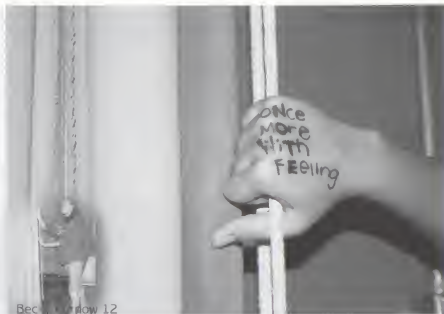
"My favorite was 'Scrooge.'" -Jessica Ritter, 9

"Mine was most definitely The Who's 'Tommy.'" -Melissa Falkner, 11

"'Tommy', of course." -Jennifer Lawrence, 11

"I don't really have a favorite, they're all good." -Jeneveive Bock-Coode, 11





Becky Window 12

So much drama, so little time

Many Griffith students are heavily involved in different school organizations. One organization in which some Griffith students seem to really enjoy is drama. The drama department puts on many different plays throughout the school year, in which the whole town of Griffith seems to be more than eager to go see. Everyone who has seen the plays that Griffith has performed has no other choice but to admit that the plays are very well done, and obviously, the actors practiced quite a bit in weeks prior to the performance.

One student who is actually in Thespians is sophomore Katherine Kus. Kus said, "As a girl in elementary school, I used to come and watch all of the GHS plays. I always wanted to be in one, so in the fall of my freshman year, some friends of mine encouraged me to try out." Kus had actually performed in four plays here at GHS.

Another student who is involved in drama is junior Amy Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald seems to enjoy every aspect of being in drama. Fitzgerald said, "My favorite part is the camaraderie among the people involved. I love to act, but I don't like calling attention to myself, so I really enjoyed the sense of community. Without that, it wouldn't have been worth it to me."

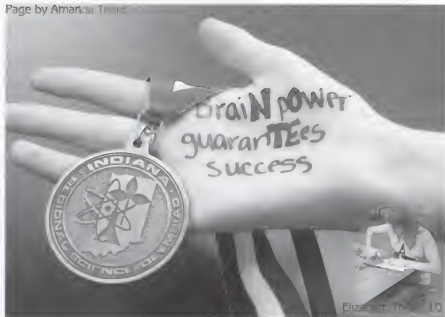
Sophomore Larry Matovina enjoys a very creative part of drama. Matovina said, "I love being on stage as another person, being in a completely different world. Books, movies, and video games can only take you so far into another world. Drama is a complete immersion."

Everyone who is involved in drama has different reasons for such an interest in being a part of it. All are very different. However, it is apparent that being involved in drama brings many different people into one group, and from there they work on producing amazing results. The plays are very well acted and produced. The actors and directors definitely deserve a great round of applause.



Between scenes during a practice for the play "Give My Regards to Broadway," sophomore Larry Matovina and junior Matt Cavazos engage in conversation. Matovina plays two roles in the play.

Freshman Jake Long has a discussion with senior Leah Morton during a practice for the play "Give My Regards to Broadway." "Being in drama is fun, even just to hang out with the cast before plays," Long said.



David Tupper

Books instead of bats...

For the students that are not into athletics, but still have the drive to compete, there are many academic teams that they can join here at GHS. There are the academic super bowl teams, which include the subjects of English, fine arts, social studies, math, and science. Outside of that, there is a Spell Bowl team, Science Olympiad, J.E.T.S. (Junior Engineering and Technology Society) and DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). Very similar to the athletes, these students must be able to balance school and practice. Their practices are to study for their events and/or subjects.

Sophomore Elizabeth Thrall said it was hard making extra time to study for her events, on top of doing her regular schoolwork. She said, "My grades dropped, but I think it was because of the severity and the fact that I had five events." Thrall was quick to add that English super bowl is a lot of fun, and she plans on participating in it again next year.

Senior Ashlee Crundwell joined DECA because, "I wanted to learn more about business. At one point in time I wanted to have my own doctor's practice, and even though I don't want to do that anymore, I feel [DECA] makes me well-rounded."

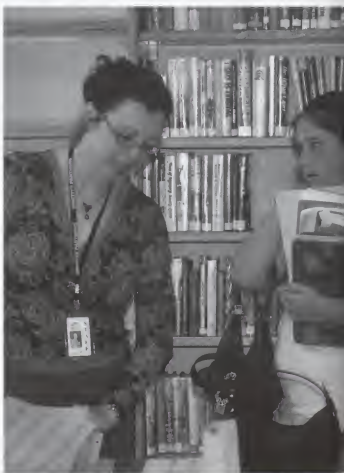
Many of the teams are coached by teachers here at GHS, such as Terri Ramos, librarian, and Jim Pickett, history.

At competition, students sometimes take written tests, or in the case of Science Olympiad, they do hands-on activities. Sophomore Carly Dunn said what she likes most about Science Olympiad are the people, and the variety of events they can participate in. She also likes learning new things; it makes her and the team feel smart with all their new knowledge.

Senior Megan Swanson has done a variety of academic teams in the past, but this year she only did spell bowl. Swanson said she does Spell Bowl because, "Libby Barlow and I have done it all four years together and we know it will look good on scholarship applications."

A very busy and involved senior, Erin Moore is a member of science super bowl, math super bowl, spell bowl and science olympiad. She says she does them all because, "It's fun and you learn stuff you don't in class."

Academic teams are an important part of high school life, that offer a competitive atmosphere for the academically gifted, and allow knowledge hungry students a chance to expand their high school learning experience.



Because of her busy schedule, senior Britany Erickson said, "I do have a hard time balancing all my clubs... I spend about an hour a day working on DECA or other clubs. [My favorite thing is] meeting new kids."

"I do it [DECA] for the chai at state," said senior Jason Taylor. Taylor said that going to Indianapolis for competition is a fun part of DECA. Taylor has been a member of DECA since his freshman year.



Equipped with a great answer, Terri Ramos, librarian, said she coaches the academic teams because, "It affords me the opportunity to interact with Griffith High School's finest students on an academic level."

Shyly explaining why she's in Science Olympiad, sophomore Melissa Pilipow joked she did it because, "Mrs. Mis threatened to sick junior Ellen Hurdish on me. She said she would have Ellen yell at me if I didn't join the team."

What does J.E.T.S. stand for???

- "Jewish educational teams sitting." Emily Million 9
- "Just educating teen students." Jessica Breclaw 9
- "Jolly entertainers turning society." Shannon Carpenter 9
- "Junior educational talent search." Auvon Chandler 11
- "Juvenile education teaching students." Brianne Finney 10

The right answer: Junior Engineering and Technology Society.

English Super Bowl



First Row: Emily Cioroianu, Elizabeth Thrall, Jane Hurdish, Cory Jung, Jill Fitzgerald, Amy Fitzgerald

Math Super Bowl



First Row: Catherine Kus, Cassie Bailey, Erin Moore Second Row: Ashley Roll, Candice Tripp, Elizabeth Ryzak, Michelle Plucinski, Coach Christine Chidichimo Third Row: Samantha Royal, Elizabeth Thrall, Ellen Hurdish, Lawrence Matovina, Nelson Oliver

Science Super Bowl



Elizabeth Ryzak, Catherine Kus, Erin Moore, Coach Don Wittemore

Social Studies Super Bowl

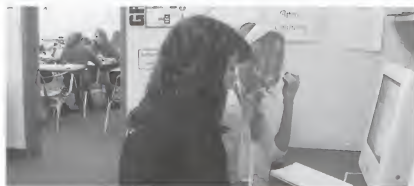


Ashley Roll, Jill Fitzgerald, Coach Jim Pickett, Catherine Kus, Zachary Kisfalusi

Reflector



First Row: Casey Nunez, Britney Hill, Aundalyse Parquet, Rachel Convery, Angela Kepchar, Laura Beaupain, Samantha Kulig, Darci Lopez Second Row: Advisor Kristina Collard, Ashley Peters, Lauren Winiack, Ashley Perry, Robin Sophia, Olivia Barlow, Third Row: Stacy Sanchez, Amanda Tharp, Steven Aguilera, Amanda Uram, Frances Pietrucha



Olivia Barlow

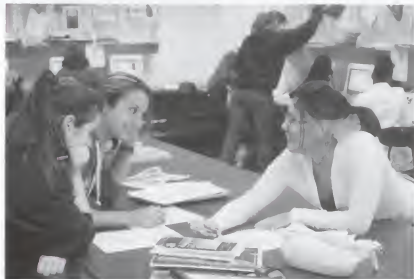
With a deadline in mind senior Melony Cabrales and sophomore Samantha Holmes work on their pages for the school's magazine "The Edge". "I think it is really fun and it is going to help my writing," said Holmes.

To get all deadlines done, senior Darci Lopez goes through pictures needed with seniors Ashley Peters and Stacy Sanchez. "Taking pictures for the yearbook is fun, I get to meet new people," said Sanchez.

Panther Press



First Row: Olivia Barlow, Advisor Kristina Collard, Elyse Janke Second Row: Caitlyn Lackey, Elizabeth Thrall, Jordynn Tibbs, Cassie Bailey Third Row: Devin Heller, Evan Hixon, Daniel Domsic, Kevin Meece, Larry Matovina



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Pointing to the computer, senior Olivia Barlow explains to junior Lauren Winiack and senior Samantha Kulig how to rotate a box. "I love yearbook. It's fun until I get overwhelmed from the deadlines," said Winiack.

The Edge



First Row: Trisha Brumley, Jaquelyn Ranck, Melony Cabrales, Advisor Kristina Collard, Lauren Pollard, Britney Cabrales, Nicole Reba

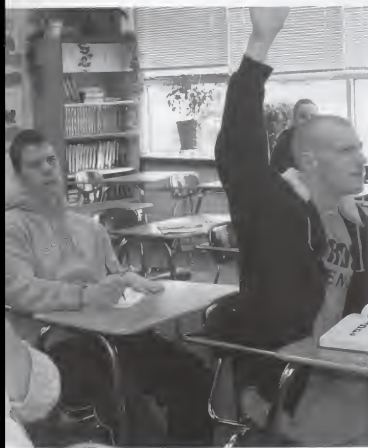
Quill and Scroll



First Row: Olivia Barlow, Casey Nunez, Jaquelyn Ranck, Darci Lopez, Melony Cabrales Second Row: Trisha Brumley, Aundalyse Parquet, Jordynn Tibbs, Elyse Janke, Nicole Reba, Advisor Kristina Collard Third Row: Rachel Convery, Kevin Meece, Daniel Domsic, Evan Hixon, Tyler Louviere

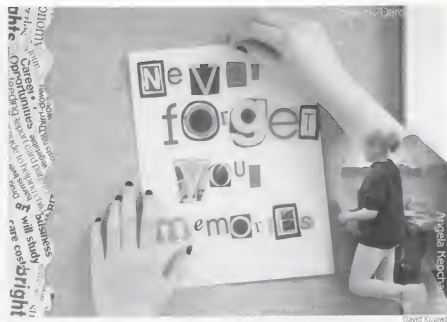


Olivia Barlow



SEAN DORNIC

Juniors Dan Dornic, Devin Heller and senior Tyler Louviere think of ideas for the upcoming issue of the Panther Press. "I am kind of nervous about being editor next year, but I think I will have a good time," said Dornic.



David Kopp

"Selling ads is not always easy and I hate asking people for money, but we need them in order to make 'The Edge'," said senior Trisha Brumley. Many ads are sold over the phone in the journalism office.

That's a page turner

At Griffith High School, there are three kinds of publications. The publication that is received the most is the Panther Press. The newspaper is delivered to the students who subscribed during fifth hour. The paper includes many stories about school related topics or the latest movie coming out. The newspaper has two editors, seniors Olivia Barlow and Elyse Janke. "I enjoy being an editor for the newspaper because I know that I will work hard to get everything done. Also, it makes me feel better to know that I can make sure that everyone is getting their work done too," said Janke.

Each publication is ran by students and advised by Kristina Collard, English.

The next publication that is received the most often is "The Edge". It is Griffith High's very own magazine. "The Edge" is published four times a year, around and distributed at the end of each quarter. The editor of the magazine is senior Melony Cabrales. "The Edge" is filled with sports of the season, embarrassing stories, horoscopes, yummy recipes, and much more fun. "I like writing and designing my own pages. I also like how it is a small staff," said senior Trisha Brumley. Brumley is a reporter, but was the editor her sophomore and freshman year. "The Edge" is great for learning about our schools athletes and catch up on the latest music or books.

The last publication, but certainly not the least, is the yearbook, known as the Reflector. Many students look forward to receiving their yearbook the following year. There is one problem with the yearbook that many students agree with.

"It just takes a really long time for us to see the yearbook, but it's worth the wait," said junior Patrick Kolisz.

The Reflector contains almost every memory a student would like to remember (dances, parades, football games, holidays, and the cutest couples). The yearbook's editor is senior Darci Lopez.

"I love being in yearbook. It gives me a chance to be involved with making memories for people," said Lopez.

Lopez has been in yearbook for three years and a semester. Students can read the Panther Press every two weeks or they can read "The Edge" while they are waiting for the yearbook.

Band



First Row: Michelle Pludinski, Jane Hurdish, Jenna Jones, Rachel Maier, Ellen Hurdish, Michael Beck, Joe Cisneros. Second Row: Amanda Uram, Kylee Loudenber, Matthew Cavazos, Eric Brunney, Carly Dunn, Anthony Zamdt, Adam Casper, Daniel Velez. Third Row: James Berry, Joshua Leop, Steven Burns, Frank Davis, Nicholas Secardi, Carl Elmer, Joel Gerber.

Band



First Row: Caroline Herrera, Melissa Mossant, Michelle Velez, Jessica Bogner, Tara Villa, Kimberly Russell, Jamie Freeman. Second Row: Matthew Beck, Missa Pilpov, Desmond Neylon, Samantha Royal, Candace Tripp, Cathy Rudzinski. Third Row: Chstan Martinez, Cory Jung, Leonard Wiffringer, Nathan Brian, Ronald Higginbotham, Jacob Anderson, Eric Sanders.

Girls Chorus



First Row: Daniela Alvarez, Kylee Loudenber, Megan Anderson, Michelle Fogarty, Jill Fitzgerald. Second Row: Kier Brinkley, Kristin Cullen, Kara Kessey, Victoria Anderson, Jasmin Freeman, Kiera Grago, Edward Covarrubas. Third Row: Shelby Higgins, Jennifer Porter, Olivia Kalis, Jessica Burbridge, Stephanie Negrette.

Girls Chorus



First Row: Amber Wilson, Lisa Rafa, Brittany Medley, Alexis Mata, Kimberley Swender. Second Row: Kaitlyn Sudac, Rachel Dennison, Stephanie Nigley, Aloia Begeske, Shannon Carpenter, Edward Covarrubas. Third Row: Michaela Ezell, Valerie Schotte, Melony Grant, Enica Edwards, Aisha Grant.

Girls Chorus



First Row: Ashley Dodson, Michelle Velez, Kellie Blaski, Amber Cornett, Abigail Zamdt, Madeline Goodman, Natalie Drach. Second Row: Jessica Ritter, Sarah Langston, Nicole Haon, Brenda Banks, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Vivian Perez, Megan Trocks, Edward Covarrubas. Third Row: Savannah Mendoza, Melissa Stadler, Christine Leslie, Rebecca Frankler, Trisha Keown, Taylor McLean.



Ashley Peters



"It's fun playing music and accomplishing things not many people can do," said mallets player, junior Matthew Cavazos (left), who along with senior Nathan Bryan (right) looks up at the crowd during a home game.

With a smiling face, senior Leonard Wilfinger talks to some friends in the stands during a break in playing. "I've been doing band since the sixth grade and I just have a passion for music," said Wilfinger, a tenors player.

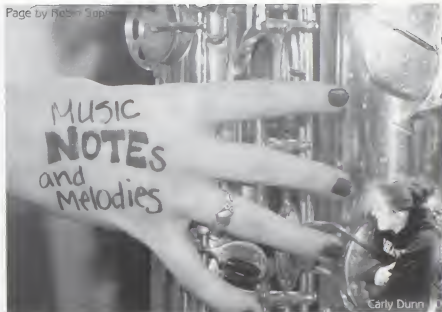
Standing on the field, junior Ellen Hurdish does the Mace Salute during a home football game. "We use it for signaling when we come out on the field," said Hurdish, head drum-major in the GHS band.



Asiley Peters

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Carly Dunn

Asiley Peters

And the beat goes on

At Griffith High School, band is taken seriously. It is not just an extra-curricular activity; it is an actual class. Students do not just play their instruments for fun in that class. Under the guidance of the band director, Jason Pearman, they study different tempos, compositions and a lot of difficult musical terminology, not only so they can do well in the class and perform well at school functions, but also to become a better musician in general.

Some people may think band would be an easy class where students just play with their instruments for fifty minutes every day. Band members have homework and a final in that class just like all the other classes, in addition to regular practices once or twice a week and performances outside of school. They perform during all home football games; most basketball games, concerts, as well as during school plays. They even take part in competitions, traveling around the country to different cities.

"Over Spring Break, we're going to Florida. We're doing a marching competition," said sophomore Cory Jung, who plays the flute. "I love music and I love playing my instrument," said Jung, who has been a band member since the fifth grade.

"Two years ago (for a Band Day) in NIU (Northern Illinois University) I got to meet a bunch of new people. I met my best friend there," said sophomore Carly Dunn, a baritone saxophone player. "On our St. Louis trip we played in a big parade," said Dunn, who has been playing music since the age of six when her mother bought her a recorder.

The band has a variation of instruments from each of the basic groups. Therefore, it is able to play different types of music and with about three regular concerts every year plus marching band songs, adding up to about twenty performances every year, it is convenient to have varying songs.

"He (Pearman) usually likes to choose songs by people who are still living, so the music's pretty modern," said Jung.

So, with modern music and trips to exciting cities, being in the band can actually be a fun way to meet new, talented people and become a full-fledged musician.



Asiley Peters

As the GHS band performs the halftime show of a football game, junior Tara Villa (center) plays her flute for all she's worth. "I think it (band), is really enjoyable," said Villa, who's been in band for six years.

Concert Choir I



First Row: Chloe Thompson, Travis Little, Stephanie Hobbs, Katie Miller, Nelson Oliver, Emily Bailey, Kristina Plucinski Second Row: Corey Breclaw, Kirsten Rex, Kelsey Berry, Joseph Ramos, Michelle Mojca, Jessica Plutka, Nicholas Gonzalez, Eddie Covarrubias Third Row: Kate Lesniewski, Catherine Kus, Michael Trinch, Mary Granter, Destiny Cox, Kevin Konopasek, Elizabeth Vargas Fourth Row: Gina Gilge, Jamie Hernandez, Kristen Yost, Cory Jung, Amanda Stinnett, Mike Moses, Jamie Walenkiewicz

Concert Choir II



First Row: Crystal Jones, Sean Malone, Ashley Davis, Alexa Dragon, Brandon Rules, Kaitlyn Euber, Lawrence Matovina Second Row: Eddie Covarrubias, Ashley Ames, Michael Beck, Codi Olar, Jeffrey Melton, Timber Clemens, Trevor Janke, Natasha Subotic Third Row: Michelle Plucinski, Brooke Studniarz, Kellie Bubala, Heidi Pierson, Allison Kitner, Carly Dunn, Stephanie Nowak, Ashley Rodgers Fourth Row: Justin Casper, Kyle Lidster, Gregory Joyce, Aaron Lannin, Ryan Galher, Sean Perez, Carlos Sotres

Concert Choir II

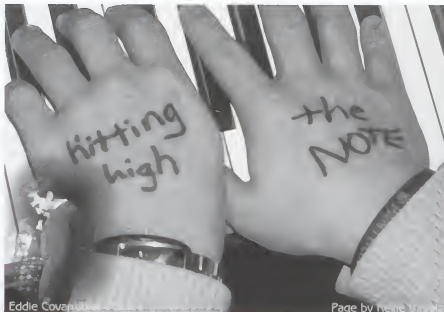


First Row: Sara Moore, Danielle Wilson, Rachel Convery, Allison Cogrove, Elizabeth Ryzak Second Row: Jonnathon Little, Alana Massa, Antonio Herrera, Tyra Earl, Stephen Bakko, Eddie Covarrubias Third Row: Nicholas Ficht, Leondre Cobb, Steven Aguilera, Jessica Teasdale, Amanda Schleitwiler

Concert Choir II



First Row: Yuri Nunez, Theresa Sanchez, Adrianna Mitre, Jenevieve Bock-Goode Second Row: Karissa O'Brien, Kimberly Therault, Christa Staes, Stephanie Gilman, Alexis Hartman, Eddie Covarrubias Third Row: Candice Tripp, Nicole Koleski, Jessica Knight, Amber Reed, Amanda Koleski



Eddie Covarrubias

Page by Nicole Koleski



Rehearsing their Christmas concert music with Eddie Covarrubias, freshmen Steven Kepchar and Alex Ledford follow along with their sheet music in first hour.

Chorale, under the direction of Eddie Covarrubias, sang the National Anthem at the boy's varsity basketball game in the main gym on February 20th, 2007. The basketball team was victorious.



Darcy Lopez



During the Fall Concert, senior Tiffany Lidster sings her solo. "I was excited when Mr. Covarrubias told me I was going to get to sing a solo, since I really enjoy performing for people," said Lidster.

Belting out a tune

It was 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th, 2006. At the Griffith High School Auditorium, there were a few cars in the parking lot. It did not seem like there was going to be a lot of activity that day. Just then, a massive chartered bus pulled up in front of the auditorium entrance. Along one side of the bus, 'PURDUE' was written in large, gleaming gold letters. The doors opened to reveal 30 female students of Purdue Lafayette. These students were members of the Purduettes, an all-female choir of Purdue. Coming to Griffith to be a part of the Fall Concert, the Purduettes hoped to make an impact on the choir students of GHS. Or rather, to INSPIRE them, since INSPIRE was the theme of the concert.

"I thought the Purduettes set a great example for all of my choir students," said Eddie Covarrubias, music. "They acted in a very professional manner, and they took this performance very seriously, while managing to have fun."

Inviting the Purduettes to perform in the Fall Concert was just one of the exciting and unusual things that Covarrubias has done to make every concert enjoyable for all who watch them. For example, in the Spring of 2005, the choral department's performance was a 'Radio Show'. Two of the students were disc jockeys, who took requests from the audience.

"The Radio Show in the Spring of '05 was probably the most popular concert that I've directed here at GHS. The students really enjoyed performing, not to mention the great response it got from the audience," stated Covarrubias.

Since the choir students must work hard all year long to be able to have four successful concerts, Covarrubias feels they should be rewarded. Depending on how much time and effort the students give, the reward is normally field trips to various places. Covarrubias takes the Chorale, one of his classes, on a trip during spring break to a big tourist attraction, such as Atlanta, GA, or Los Angeles, CA. The choir department has also gone to Six Flags, the Chicago Symphony, the House of Blues, and has seen the plays "Wicked" and "Les Miserables." Chorale has also gone on elementary school tours.

Many choir students also participate in ISSMA, or Indiana State School Music Association. This year, 28 soloists, seven ensembles, and three piano soloists competed at the district level of ISSMA. Out of these students, seven soloists and two ensembles qualified for state, which was February 24th, 2007. Every student who competed at the state level received either a gold or a silver medal.

What was your favorite concert?

Spring Radio Show - 2005
10 students - 33%

Christmas Concert - 2006
12 students - 40%

Spring Concert - 2006
5 students - 17%

Fall Concerts w/ Purduettes - 2006
3 students - 10%

(30 students surveyed)

"The Christmas concert was a lot of fun to perform in. The audience really liked the songs we sang," said Matt Beck, freshman

Freshman Class Council



First Row: Shanlynn Blas, Sara Winecki, Daniel Rodriguez, Jessica Ritter Second Row: James Berry, Lauren Hansen, Jacob Anderson, Kiara Gragido, Sara McInerney, Shavonna Simmons

Sophomore Class Council



First Row: Cory Jung, Melissa Pilipow, Kellie Bubala, Michelle Plucinski Second Row: Kelsey Berry, Kristen Vost, Morgan Momciovich, Charisse Bogan, Aimee Johnson

Junior Class Council



First Row: Casey Nunez, Brittiany Evanch, Taylor Blue, Ashley Roll, Lauren Pollard, Jamie Freeman Second Row: Sheila Szo, Cassie Bailey, Angela Kepchar, Britney Hill, Rex Cullen, Aundalyne Parrott, Samantha Royal, Amy Fitzgerald Third Row: Amanda Crook, Emily Cloroiaru, Timothy Schell, Randy Degans, Zachary Koch, Auvon Chandler, Cathy Ruzinski, Ken Markut Fourth Row: Joshua Long, Jeffrey Reyna, Elen Hurdsh, Daniel Domsic, Steven Aguilera, Nicholas Ficht, Jimi Nunez

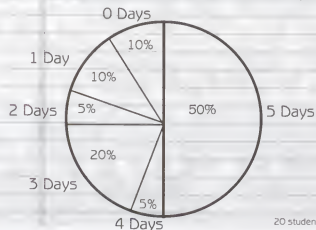
Senior Class Council



First Row: Kelly Redden, Naomi Lyles, Danielle Wilson, Amy Miles, Elise Garcia Second Row: Russ Radtke, Billy Cahill, Karrie Obranovich, James Buehler, Matt Kuna



On average, how many days a week do you stay after for a club or sport?



20 students surveyed

"I joined (class council) freshmen year because it gave me something to do," said Cassie Bailey. Looking through prom idea magazines to help brainstorm ideas for prom, the junior class council gathers in Teresa Carstensen's math classroom.

Writing story ideas on the dry erase board, co-editors Olivia Barlow and Elyse Janke lead the newspaper staff in brainstorming. Planning out each issue of the newspaper is an important part of being on staff.



Stacy Sanchez

Stacy Sanchez



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Ashley Peters

Planning every detail

An important part of every club or activity is planning. For example, the class councils must plan out colors, theme, and songs for the school dances. The school's newspaper staff must plan out every detail for each issue. Other clubs plan out each activity that they will do throughout the year, including places to visit and even fundraisers.

One of the biggest events that involves a lot of planning is Prom. Planning starts about three months before the event. The junior class council begins meeting every Wednesday after school in Teresa Carstensen's, math, classroom. First, the group brainstorms for ideas about the song, theme, and colors. Then, other details must be planned, such as ticket sales and possible chaperones for the dance. The sophomore class council must go through about the same process in order to plan Turnabout.

Another group that must plan a lot is the newspaper staff. They must come up with ideas for stories and plan out which page each story will go on. The pages must be also be designed, and they must plan to make deadline.

Yearbook staff also involves planning. At the beginning of the year, the staff brainstorms for spread ideas. Then the spreads must be put in order as they would be in the yearbook. Also, the spreads must be organized into various deadlines throughout the year. Besides planning out when the spreads go out, what exactly goes on the spread must also be planned out. Ideas for headlines, pictures, and info boxes require a lot of planning time.

Many other groups also plan out their activities at meeting. For example, the National Honor Society, Student Council, International Club, FCCLA, and must plan out what kind of fundraisers they want to participate in. This year, the NHS sold Santa Grams before Christmas, sold candy bars, and will also raise money with the Blood Drive.

"It takes a lot of time to make decisions because everyone has different opinions," said junior class council vice president Ashley Roll. During a meeting after school, Roll and fellow officer Brittany Evanch brainstorm for ideas.

Stacy Sanchez



First Row: Britney Hill, Aundalyse Parquet, Ashley Azareilo, Ashley George, Katherine Kus, Kate Lesniewski Second Row: Jessica Flutka, Courtney Tomaszewski, Brittany Erickson, Emily Cloriano, Jamie Freeman, Michelle Mojica, Margie Keithley



First Row: Amanda Crook, Ashley Scott, Jessica Gerlich, Brandi Jones Second Row: Liz Hancock, Brandi Heider, Samantha Royal, Jeanette Bridgroom, Kate Horn, Erika Kudylka, Sheila Sz Third Row: Ryan Berry, Peshon Newson-Brady, David Jones, Michele Walczak, Lauren Pollard, Auvon Chandler, Miranda Pope, Jill Fitzgerald Fourth Row: Amy Miles, Brittany Bridges, Jane Hurdish, Kell Dewees, Joselyn Shane, Becky Curnow, Brittany Evanich



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First Row: Jaquelyn Ranck, Kelly Redden, Olivia Barlow, Jessica Phillips Second Row: Kim Vessel, Trisha Brumley, Jamie Freeman, Michelle Plucinski, Erin Moore, Kristyn Maynard, Alicia Cooper Third Row: Cassie Bailey, Caitlin Moisan, Britney Hill, Amanda Tharp, Melony Cabrales, Sam Kulig Fourth Row: Aundalyse Parquet, Lauren Pollard, Cory Jung, Carly Dunn, Joel Gerber, Brittany Evanich, Ryan Berry



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Volunteering at homeless shelters is another way that students offer their time. Senior Jeanette Bridgroom helps organize food at a shelter. "I liked going to the homeless shelter and helping people," Bridgroom said.

"[Being in FCCLA] is a fun way to help people out," said sophomore Michelle Mojica. One project that FCCLA does to volunteer is making stuffed frogs for children in hospitals.

With a smile on her face, junior Samantha Royal prepares to make a stuffed animal for ill children in the hospital. Royal stated, "It's nice knowing what we're doing is for something and it's helping somebody."

The rising of the Ronald McDonald House

-The first Ronald McDonald House started in Philadelphia in 1973

-Fred Hill started Ronald McDonald house when he found out that his daughter had leukemia

-Because Fred Hill was a member of the Philadelphia Eagles football team, the team helped fund Hill's daughter's treatment

-Ronald McDonald House serves over approximately 1,300 families per year

-There are usually ten to fifteen families on the waiting list to get into Ronald McDonald house

-Earnings from Ronald McDonald collections are put towards research and finding the cure for many illnesses in children

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Numberline Swimsuit

Take a little, give a lot more

Often people who have all they need tend to take advantage of what they have and do not feel the need to give back to their community. However, there are a lot of students who do all they can to give back. One way that students find they can help out is by joining clubs that do volunteer work. At Griffith, there are multiple clubs in which are always volunteering.

One club at GHS is Key Club. Key Club is very centered on volunteer work. Some things that Key Club does to volunteer are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, attending disabilities dances, and making cards for veterans.

Joining clubs is not the only way in which students are able to volunteer and give back. Actually, people are very much capable of donating clothes, having food drives, or even helping clean up the environment by doing as small as discouraging littering.

One student who is not currently involved in clubs, but is looking forward to volunteering in an animal shelter starting next year is sophomore Lauren Mathews.

"[Volunteering] just makes me smile," said Mathews.

Youth groups are also a great way to volunteer. Another member of key club who also happens to do volunteer work in her youth group is sophomore Kelsey Berry. Berry said, "This summer we went to New Orleans on a missions trip to help a lady gut out her house so that she could keep it and it wouldn't be knocked down."

Another student whom is involved with volunteering in a youth group is junior Jenny Bock-Goode. She is involved in an Outreach youth group called Brick House. They do different things such as collecting boots for the less fortunate and volunteering in homeless shelters. Bock-Goode stated, "It makes me happy when other people are happy."

Another way to volunteer is to join a sorority-like organization. Junior Avon Chandler is in a club called the Rhoer Club. Rhoer Club is a Little Sisters Sorority which is associated with the sorority, Sigma Gamma Ro. Her sorority is very centered on volunteer work. Some of the different things that the Rhoer Club does is volunteer in homeless shelters and nursing homes. They also go on Breast Cancer and Sojourner Truth walks. Another thing that they do is to give presents to foster children every Christmas.

Chandler said, "I like to see other people happy and to give them things that they wouldn't normally have."

As you may see, many GHS students definitely do their part in helping out and volunteering with different organizations.

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Student Council



First Row: Cory Jung, Aundalyse Parquet, Emily Corouhu, Erin Moore, Britney Hill. Second Row: Vanessa Gonzalez, Trisha Brumley, Jamie Freeman, Elizabeth Thrall, Abby Metsch, Michelle Plucinski, Ashley Roli, Jessica Mendora Third Row: Timothy Schell, Jeffery Reyna, Carly Dunn, Steven Aguilera, Ellen Hurdish, Pashon Brady, Jims Hunez

Spell Bowl



First Row: Trisha Brumley, Alicia Cooper, DeAndrea Robinson, Olivia Barlow. Second Row: Theresa Ramos, Aundalyse Parquet, Erin Moore, Britney Hill, Jessica Cortich, Jamie Freeman Third Row: Brandi Jones, Auvon Chandler, David Jones

Art Club



First Row: Jessica Flucka, Carlin Mosant, Valerie Schotte, Laura Beauvan, Lauren Perez Second Row: Michelle Plucinski, Brittany Bechtold, Brandi Jones, Carly Dunn, Kandy Degain, Elizabeth Ryzak, Jason Gast

Bowling Club



First Row: Jason Gast. Second Row: Ashley Ames, Amber Wilson, Bailey Curtis, Crystal Jones, Andrea Mullens, Doug Osborn, Jake Edwards, Tala McCormick, Michael Nooyon, Ryan Kails Third Row: Kaitlyn Euber, Daniela Alvarez, Eric Burns, Danny Keller, Nick Mullens, Kenneth Korpela, Steven Barnard, Matthew Pawlick, Anthony Scatzenko

Fine Arts Super Bowl



First Row: Candace Tripb, Jamie Freeman, Samantha Royal, Alicia Cooper, Olivia Barlow. Second Row: Michelle Plucinski, Elizabeth Thrall, Carly Dunn, Auvon Chandler, Aundalyse Parquet

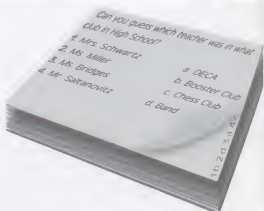


Libby Spina



Katie Horn

To help her kids with spelling, spell bowl sponsor, Theresa Ramos, librarian, goes through their words. "It's fun helping them because I think they get a kick out of spelling a word they don't know," said Ramos.



Looking across the room, sophomore Kaitlyn Euber checks out the score at the bowling alley. "Mr. Gast is such a good teacher because when I started, I was horrible, but now I'm actually good," said Euber.

Adoring a Golden Doodle, booster club sponsor Luann Pramuk, history, holds a new puppy during 7th hour. "Mrs. Vessel brought the puppy for me to see and I'm just glad it didn't pee on the floor," said Pramuk.



David Kuylen



Steven Aguilar

Because he is being serenaded by one of the Purduettes, Eddie Covarrubias, choir, smiles nonstop at the Fall Concert. "I was so surprised when they did that and I was actually embarrassed," said Covarrubias.

SPONSORS UNITE

Jerica Carstensen, Math

David Kuylen

Runnin da club

Club Sponsors are more important than some people may realize. They have to be able to manage their time so that they can handle their club and also have time to deal with their regular classes. Also, according to senior Brittany Erickson, they have to be able to do three key things. "They have to be organized, have communication skills, and provide information to their club members," said Erickson. A sponsor would have a hard time getting anything done without these skills.

"One of the hardest things to do would have to be scheduling events and meetings that everyone can attend," said International Club Sponsor Lorraine Hageman, French. Everyone has different schedules and important things that they have to do. A good day for one person to go to a meeting may not be a good day for another person. This is one of the many problems that all sponsors deal with. The best way to be able to have everyone attend a meeting is to let them know a couple of weeks ahead of time. Does this necessarily mean that everyone will come? Of course not because who knows how far in advance people have plans. But it is the best way to avoid scheduling conflicts.

The other thing that all club sponsors must be able to do is communicate with their students. This may be easier for some rather than others. "Miss Miller and Miss Hoyle are closer to our age so they're easier to relate to and they have a good sense of humor," said Junior Jessica Mendoza.

Sponsors have to be able to form some sort of connection with the kids. "Officer Starcevic just acts like herself and she's able to act like us to in some ways," said sophomore Crystal Jones.

Club Sponsors also have to make sure that they are doing enough to help their students in whatever they are doing. "Being sure that you are involved enough and that you are getting enough involvement from your students can be very difficult," said Junior Class Council Sponsor Kay Orzechowicz, English. Sponsors for the most part leave the decision making up to the students, but they also have to voice their opinions and ideas. The students must do the same.

In the end everything comes together. They see how their sponsor does things and they gain an appreciation for them. Every sponsor has their way of making meetings fun and that certain way of doing things makes them different from the other teachers. "Mr. Gast (Bowling Club Sponsor) interacts with us and when we practice, he'll even bowl with us sometimes," said Junior Amanda Koleski.

The way they act could make them different and even make it easier to get closer to the students. "Mrs. Keithley (FCLCA) doesn't do anything differently but it's her personality. She can relate to us as teenagers," said Junior Alicia Cooper.

Club sponsors play an important role in school. Without them being in a club would be much harder to deal with. They are just as important as the club members. Never forget how much easier they make things.

Note to Self...

Annie Higginbotham is my
best friend - Abby Mettsch 10

Note to Self...

Holly Jusko is my best friend
-Brittany Zajick 12

Note to Self...

Holly Vanhuizen is my
best friend - Stephanie Hansen 12

Note to Self...

Christina Kiveta is my best friend
-Daniel Totek 10

Noticing people.... Natalie Drach, Tim Malawicki, Joshua Francis, S

Anthony Williams, Alison Kitner, Ashly Dodson, M

Nicholas Ticht, Michael Luna, Ashley Dodson, Dwight Poole,

Aaron Lannin, Kevin Kondrasak, Jeremy O'Brien, Darci Lopez, Jacob Long, M

neth Korpela, Leonard Wainwright, Brenden Banks, Kelsey Berry, Andy

Olivia Kalis, Kate Miller, Josh Long, Ashley O'Connor, Katie Mitchell, N

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Paige Austin, Alex Little, Trent Fullgraf, Stephanie Gilman, Ali Pietrucha, Just

tany Bridges, Olivia Barlow, Marie Aldape, Keela Detmar, Neil Wotski, C

Carpenter, Kirsten Rex, Rex Cullen, Ryan Bandura, Julian Hernandez, L

Making memories together

Many students attend Griffith High School. Among these students, there are friendships, enemies, couples, even strangers. A day at school is not just seven classes and a lunch hour; it's a day filled with stories, gossip, and laughs. Many students absolutely hate waking up early to get to school on time, but there is just no other way. "The worst part of school is waking up so early. I would rather go later and get out later," said junior Alexis Hartman. Throughout high school, students have chosen their favorite class, subject, teacher, and most likely their best friend. Those favorites are usually what gets them up in the morning. "I wouldn't want to go to school if my friends weren't here," said senior Michael Luna. Everywhere a student goes, they bump into someone, whether they know them or have never seen them before. High school is a great way to meet new and different people. Every year there is someone new that anyone can be friends with. Sooner or later, they feel like they have been here since freshman year. GHS students aren't the only ones with a friendly face. If a problem comes up, many faculty members are willing to listen and offer advice. "I think it is important to get to know my students, who they really are," said Kim Pierick, computers. No matter where a student is from or what they believe in, GHS is filled with people. People who love to learn while having a great four years.

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Mathews

Note to Self...

Stacy Sanchez is my best friend
-Aaron Stidham 11

Note to Self...

Andrew Wright is my best friend
-Peter Lewis 12

Note to Self...

Emily Coltoniu is my best friend
-Ashley Roll 11



Stacy Sanchez

While speaking with someone during passing period, Martha Davis, science, enjoys her few minutes to take a much needed break. "Shoot for the moon because the worst you can do is land in the stars," Davis said.

Adding absences into the computer, Sheree Kayden, attendance, tries to get through the busiest time of her day. "I get over one hundred phone calls first hour, and many students and parents coming to the window asking for something."



Asnely Peters

"Call me!"
~Sheree Kayden

"You have a fine."
~Chris Wroblewski

"There are many things to think about- but nothing to worry about."
~Kim Peirick

"I'm pregnant, again!"
~Kristina Collard

"And your announcements for today are... Thanks, and have a great day!"
~Mary Anne Tigner

"When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping."
~Margie Keithley

"Challenges are what make life interesting: overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."
~Sherri Mendoza

"When I stop learning, I stop living."
~Shela Vadavik

"Very carefully!"
~Jason Gast

"What goes around comes around."
~Eddie Covarrubias

Barb Baldazo
Kelli Bridges
Marilyn Brunk
Teresa Carstensen
Christine Chidichimo

Kristina Collard
Eddie Covarrubias
Martha Davis
James Ford
Jason Gast

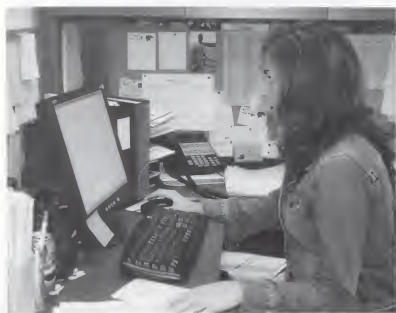
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Rita Gray
Lorraine Hageman
Mike Hamilton
Bob Hastings

Betty Hoyle
Sheree Kayden
Margie Keithley
Kathy Keller
Barb Luevano

Bonnie Manuel
Lisa Megquier
Sherri Mendoza



"The hardest thing is fitting everything that I have to do into the time that I'm here. The biggest thing is having so many students to keep track of and not overlooking anything," said Chrisann Walter, guidance, diligently working at her computer.



Ashley Peters



Nikki Miklusak
Rachel Miller
Veronica Moisan
Kay Orzechowicz
Kim Peirick

"When students ask me how I am doing or how is my day I usually answer, 'Super Duper,' how about you?"
—Bonnie Manuel



Jim Pickett
Luann Pramuk
Russ Radtke
Teresa Ramos
Pat Sadler

"Not my problem!"
—Barb Baldazo

"Life is a continuous series of choices, so choose wisely!"
—Mike Hamilton



Jim Saltanovitz
Frankie Schiller
Karen Schwartz
Melanie Simpson
Jane Sloan

"There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day."
—Teresa Carstensen

"Blame nobody. Expect nothing. Do something!"
—Julie Wencloff



Diane Soucie
Marlene Starcevic
Mary Anne Tigner
Sheila Vaclavik
Kim Vessell

"The blind leading the blind leads everyone off a cliff."
—Lorraine Hageman

"Remember, you can fool man, but you can't fool God."
—Marlene Starcevic



Chrisann Walter
Julie Wencloff
Chris Wroblewski

"With every big loss, there is some small gain."
—Marilyn Brunk

What are your memories from high school like?

"My therapist says I don't have to remember any of that stuff."
—Jane Villaroman, science

"I remember having a lot of fun with my friends. I don't remember doing homework or ever studying for a test, though."
—Luann Pramuk, history

"They're pretty good. Everybody got along. Everybody knew everyone. I liked my classes."
—James Ford, Spanish

Frank Alvarez



Mindy Anderson



Brandon Archer



Matthew Baccipo



Aspley Baker



Ryan Bandura



Olivia Barlow



Bradley Beşeske



Ryan Berry



James Bobowski



Jessica Boşner



Jeapette Brideşroom



Ryan Bridges



Jarrett Brownd



Trisha Brumley



Jordan Bruno



"One B-Rad, one nation." ~Bradley Beşeske

"Don't ever take duct tape to soccer practice...ever!" ~Jimmy Bobowski

"Only a few things are really important." ~Ryan Bridges

"What are we, after all, without our memories, without our dreams?" ~Ryan Berry

"If you believe in yourself, you are already a success." ~Jarrett Brownd

"Live, laugh, and love." ~Melony Cabrales

"All that matters is the dash." ~James Buehler

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." ~Trisha Brumley

"If you're not first, you're last!" ~Ryan Bandura

"Go for the gold." ~Danny Calhoun

"So keep your head up, and your mind strong, it's a struggle everyday but you've got to hold on." ~Billy Cahill

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." ~Olivia Barlow

"I will love Shaun Horton forever." ~Samantha Caldwell

"If you give up, you'll never see what you could have been." ~Brandon Archer

"Good one!" ~Casey Colby

James Buehler



Steven Byrns



Melony Cabrales



Billy Cahill



Samantha Caldwell



Darryl Calhoun



Brian Clark



Casey Colby



Alicia Collins



Amanda Cook



Ashlee Crundwell



Rebecca Currow



Ashley Peters

Senior Elise Garcia prepares for her teammate's serve during one of the varsity volleyball game. "My senior year was the best year ever because we got a new coach, came together, and played well," said Garcia.



Stacy Services

Posing for pictures at Homecoming, seniors Brad Popa, Megan Swanson, and Dan Woloszyn get close. "The dance was awesome. I danced with all of my lady friends including my favorite Jessica (Phillips)," said Woloszyn.

I will always remember...

Freshmen 2003

Seniors 2007

"...getting yelled at for throwing food at lunch freshman year."
-Megan Verbeke

"...going to football games with friends."
-Sabri Amara

"...all of the funny moments in my junior English class."
-Kelly Redden

"...hanging out with all my friends."
-Dustin Hammond

"...graduating and not having to see a lot of these people again."
-Evan Hixon

"...getting a hole in one at practice my freshman year."
-Aaron Salczynski

"...playing ditch at Corey (Nash)'s house our sophomore year."
-Danielle Wilson

"...taking pictures at all of the dances."
-Alicia Collins

"...doing a Vanilla Ice remake with Danielle Wilson, Dre Cobb, and Karissa O'Brien (seniors) in choir this year."
-Theresa Sanchez

Karolina Damski



Frank Davis



Matthew De Jesus



Amber Detmar



Kelli Dewees



Nick Doell



Anthony Drechpy



Lynette Durham



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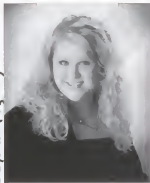
Brittany Erickson



Zach Ficht



Danielle Fogarty



Alyssa Szo

William Frets



Meagan Funk



After being announced as the 2006-2007 Homecoming queen, senior Jelena Pupac shows her enthusiasm by waving to her friends. Pupac chose to drive around the field in Alyssa Szo's red mustang convertible.

While playing volleyball for her last year at CHS, senior Jaqui Ranck gets down and ready for the next play. "This year's team was all seniors, so we got along well and plus we went really far in the season," Ranck said



Ashley Peters

Trying to find a picture to color in her My Little Pony coloring book, senior Amanda Rakowski lays on the floor. "One night me and friends went to Walgreens and bought a bunch of coloring books. It was fun," said Rakowski.



Ashley Peters

Elise Garcia



Adam Gasper



Jacob Gazarkiewicz



Benjamin Geffert



Jessica Gerlich



Stephanie Gilman



Krista Glidewell



Alexis Gonzales



Joseph Greichunpos



Gail Grifson



Matthew Gurrola



Miles Hall



Dustin Hammond



Elizabeth Hancock



Sean Hansen



Stephanie Hansen



"It isn't homework unless I can copy off it." ~Matt Gurrola
 "Let me know that you hear me, and let that be enough." ~Jessica Gerlich

"Speak from your heart." ~Kelli Dewees

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." ~Stephanie Hancock

"Truth is powerful and it prevails." ~Elizabeth Hancock

"When you cease to dream, you cease to live." ~Danielle Fogarty

"Always do your best." ~Alexis Gonzalez

"There is no end to the Eagle Scout trail." ~Carl Elsner

"Live life without any regrets." ~William Frets

"Go big or go home." ~Miles Hall

"Love is not blind: it sees more, not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less." ~Krista Glidewell

"Kazuokiriyama!" ~Matthew DeJesus

"Deer" ~Amber Detmar

"Get over here!" ~Frank Davis

"Never regret anything" ~Jacob Gazarkiewicz

"Whenever you find yourself in trouble just ask yourself W.W.G.D. (What would Geffert do)?" ~Benjamin Geffert

"Never give up." ~Nick Doell

Jeffrey Henney



Annie Hernandez



Abbie Hicks



Chris Higginbotham



Samantha Higgins



Evan Hixon



Kathryn Horn



Katie Horn



Shaun Horton



Derrick Huzzie



Elyse Janke



Kolie Jobyson



Jeri Jones



Holly Jusko



Andrew Karpati



Brian Kayden



"Live in the moment. SMACKD!"
~Samantha Kulig

"Do everything with confidence!" ~Nathan Lehmann

"Live today like there's no tomorrow."
~Annie Hernandez

"I put the 'fun' in funeral." Kristen Knoerzer

"I will always love Samantha Caldwell." ~Shaun Horton

"It is what it is." ~Tiffany Lidster

"Ambition is a poor excuse for not having the common sense to be lazy." ~Evan Hixon

"Live everyday like it's your last." ~Tyler Louviere

"Beau loves Big Z." ~Brian Kayden

"Let the little stuff blow over. Try not to have regrets. SMACKD!"
~Christina Kireta

"Yeah, but so what, everybody's weird." ~Samantha Higgins

"Here's to the nights that turned into mornings and to my friends that turned into family." ~Holly Jusko

"If you work hard and push yourself to the limit, it will all pay off in the end." ~Andrew Karpati

"Beau Leimbach

"You only live life once, so live your own." ~Naomi Lyles

"I'd rather be hated for who I am than loved for who I'm not. SMACKD!"
~Darci Lopez

"Sometimes you got to live a little." ~Zoran Kvirgic

"I do it because I can. I can because I want to. I want to because you told me I couldn't."

Jason Kettwig



Christina Kireta



Kristen Kpoerzer



Qurt Konopasek



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Samantha Kulig



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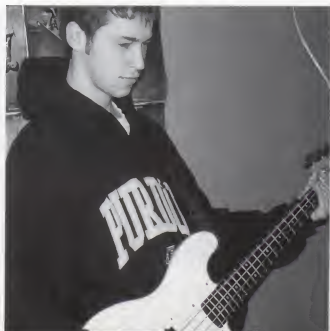
Tyler Louviere



Michael Luna



Naomi Lyles



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Kate Horn

Playing the bass guitar, senior Sean Hansen keeps busy by having fun. "Not having to care about anything and not trying at all," said Hansen about his favorite part of his senior year.

One big hit this year was going to eat breakfast during the night hours. Eating french toast, senior Bradley Popa and his friends enjoy a night going out to eat.

Daniel MacFarlane



Alana Massa



Kristyn Maynard



Shea McCarthy



Allen McCrendon



Kevin Meece



Joshua Mercer



Amy Miles



Jacqueline Miskiewicz



Eric Miskuf



Caitlin Moisant



Erin Moore



Leah Norton



Andrea Naaman



Corey Nash



Stephanie Nokes



"I was playing with senior Alyssa Szo's pug that she brought to show Miss Miller. The one thing I will miss the most about high school is all of my friends that I have made," said senior Ashley Baker.

Playing video games at a swimming party, senior Chris Parker tries to make the most of his final year of high school. "The most memorable moment was I got to see senior Benjamin Gelfert win homecoming king," said Parker.



SARAH HARRIS



CHRIS PARKER

Sandra Novath



Ashley O'Connor



Shawn O'Keefe



Karrie Obranovich



Molly Orzechowicz



Kyle Palınca



Christopher Parker



Suzanne Pawloski



Ashley Perry



Jessica Phillips



Christopher Pilipow



Samantha Postonka



Kristina Pucinski



Bradley Popa



"Seniors Rule '07!"
-Shawn O'Keefe

"Life's a garden. Dig in."
-Daniel MacFarlane

"It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are."
-Alana Massa

"All good things must come to an end, but I wouldn't want it to end with any other people or be at any other time. SMACKKD!"
-Molly Orzechowicz

"I'm just goofin'...new boot goofin. SMACKKD!"
-Karrie Obranovich

"Life is fast, if you don't stop and look around once in a while you might miss it."
-Corey Nash

"Just be true to yourself. If it lands you in hell, well, at least now you know."
-Sandra Novath

"If you got that Memphis in the trunk, turn it up and make it bump."
-Eric Miskuf

"I wrestle with my demons of doubt, with my past failures, with my injuries, with that unrelenting voice that tells me to stop; but I am a wrestler, and one thing will always be certain; I will be victorious."
-Caitlin Moisan

"Too cool for a quote."
-Bradley Popa

"Surprises are what make life interesting."
-Erin Moore

"Life's tough, get a helmet."
-Chris Parker

"Shoot for the stars."
-Suzanne Pawloski

"Accidents happen, mistakes are made, life goes on."
-Leah Morton

"Never stop dreaming."
-Kristyn Maynard

"In the end, it's all nice."
-Kevin Meece

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."
-Ashley Perry

"I do what I want because life's too short not to."
-Samantha Postonka

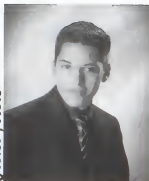
"Impossible is nothing."
-Kyle Palınca

"Never regret anything because at one point it was exactly what you wanted. SMACKKD!"
-Andrea Naaman

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
-Jessica Phillips

"Good times last forever."
-Ashley O'Connor

Victor Prieto



Miranda Pryor



Jelena Pupac



Amanda Rakowski



Jaqualynn Ranck



Brittany Rawdon



Nicole Reba



Kelly Redden



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John Reyna



Eric Ritter



Robert Robinson

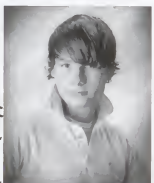


"Who does that?"
~Miranda Pryor

"You will miss 100% of the shots
you don't take."
~Jelena Pupac

"Give life a chance ...Tomorrow might
never come."
~Amanda Rakowski

Fritz Roehpert



Aaron Salczynski



Stacy Sanchez



"If you're not first, you're last."
~John Reyna

"Life isn't measured by the breaths
you take, but by the moments that
take your breath away."
~Kelly Redden

"Opportunity knocks."
~Eric Ritter

"Live fast, die young."
~Casey St. Clair

"Try your hardest and you will get
far. Try your best and you pass the
12 years of high school test."
~Theresa Sanchez

"Great moments are born from great opportunity."
~Jaqualynn Ranck

"I'm just goofin' new boot gootin'."
~Kelly Staszak

"I run these streets all day, I can sleep when I die."
~Steven Siokos

"Don't wait till you're dying to live like you're dying."
~Aaron Salczynski

"At times it may get really tough, but
stick it out and you will get through it."
~Stacy Sanchez

"Don't let anything get in your way."
~Samantha Shuster

"Never let the fear of striking out
keep you from playing the game."
~Nicole Reba

Theresa Sanchez



Melony Schmidt



Caitlin Scott



John Scurtu



Joselyn Shane



Samantha Shuster



Jessica Simpson



Steven Siokos



Christopher Sophia



Vincent Soy



Timothy Spisak



Casey St. Clair



Christa Staes



Kelly Staszak



Juan Suarez



Felicia Sutton



Where Do you see yourself in 10 years?

"I'm going to be in out-
erspace with aliens, Darcy,
and a hobo!" - Kelsey Troxel

"Married to (Ryan) Bridges who plays
for the White Sox with 10 kids!"
-Molly Orzechowicz

"I'm gonna be with (William) Frets and
have three kids!" - Christina Kireta

"I think I will be with (Daniel) Mac-
Farlane and have five kids."
- Andrea Naaman

"I will be a rich dentist,
who is divorced from Zach
Udchitz"

-Samantha Kulig

"I will be living on a yacht in the
Fiji Islands!" - Karrie Obranovich

Throughout the week of homecoming,
many students go above and beyond with
outfits and pranks. "The senior girls painted
a sign. It was cool, but the juniors wrote
over it. Andrew and I were fixing it," said
senior Caitlin Mosant.



Senior Girls

Megan Swanson



Alyssa Szo



Jason Taylor



Amanda Tharp



Janie Theil



Kimberly Therault



Kelsey Troxel



Megan Turner



Zachary Udchitz



Amanda Uram



Daniel Vanek



Nathan Vaughan



Benjamin Victory



Olivia Wagman



Lori Wartsbaugh



Brittany Watts



During a boring weekend, senior William Frets went to the playground at Beinger Elementary. "Sometimes I just like being a little kid. Messing with my friends is fun because they're all going away to college," said Frets.

Seniors Kole Johnson, Megan Verbeke, and Robbie Beuhler sit and eat at Around The Clock after a Friday night football game. "It was so fun that night because the restaurant was packed with seniors and Robbie kept saying things to make me laugh," said Johnson.



Amanda White



Leonard Wfirfinger



Bradley Wilson



Danielle Wilson



Daniel Woloszyn



Lisa Worley



Andrew Wright



James Witt



Joseph Zajac



Brittany Zajicek



Anthony Zarndt



Randall Zellers



"Nothing is perfect, but it has to be some day."
~ Amanda Uram

"Never forget and live every day like it's your last."
~ Nathan Vaughan

"Our lives improve only when we take changes."
~ Daniel Vanek

"If you look closely at my quote, you can
see an elf." ~ Benjamin Victory

"Oy vay!"
~ Brittany Zajicek

"Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming."
~ Lori Wartsbaugh

"The first and greatest commandment is, Don't let them
scare you." ~ Bradley Wilson

"They don't know that we know they know we know..."
~ Amanda Tharp

"If you try, you can succeed at anything."
~ Amanda White

"A dream is a wish your heart makes. SMACK!"
~ Kelsey Troxel

"Check ya later" ~ Daniel Woloszyn

"There is only one success, to be able to spend your life in
your own way." ~ Megan Swanson

"He who goes to bed thirsty, rises healthy." ~ Zach Udchitz

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." ~ Danielle Wilson

"The only things in life you regret are the risks that you
didn't take." ~ Lisa Worley

"The word becomes much more entertaining once one realizes
how pointless it is." ~ Jason Taylor

"I'm more afraid of being nothing, than I am of being hurt."
~ Jamie Theil

"Life's not supposed to be easy. That's why it's called life."
~ Megan Verbeke

Brian Abbott
Jordan Adams
Kayla Aguilera
Steven Aguilera
Andrew Aken
Erika Aldape
David Alexander



Chloe Anderko
Andrew Anderson
Corey Anderson
Mark Arndt
Melissa Arnold
Douglas Ashenbaugh
Jamar Averyhart



Erik Azzarello
Cassie Bailey
Trey Bailey
Stephen Bakko
Steven Barnard
Laura Beaupain
Jeffery Beese



Taylor Blue
Jenevieve Book-Goodie
Patrick Bogacz
Tatiana Bowling
Takara Boyd
Brittany Bridges
Adrian Burnham



Najee Campbell-Bonner
Matthew Carazos
Alexis Ceperich
Avron Chandler
Marcus Chavez
Emily Ciorlanu
Andrew Clark



Many students at Griffith High feel good about themselves when they volunteer. "I gave blood because it was something small I could do to help a lot of people. I like how I feel when I help people," said junior Keegan Kiral.

David Kujawa

Waiting for the ring of the bell finds juniors Breanne Clark and Katie Kaiser taking a moment to chat. Both attend the cosmetology program at the Career Center from periods one through four.





Breanne Clark



Kelley Cloghessy



Sarah Cole



Allison Colgrove



Anthony Conciardi



David Kujawa

"I was waltzin' into Mrs. Vaclavik's class in my chef's jacket and lookin' hot the whole time," says junior Andrew Hixon, after returning from the culinary program at the Career Center.

To get out of class quickly, junior Kenneth Kurpela piles his books on his desk in 5th hour English with Mrs. Vaclavik. "The more you pay attention, the better you do in that class," said Kurpela



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Looking laid-back, junior Garrett Graves searches for his girlfriend Breanne Clark before class. "I was preparing for the heinous and bothersome activities that we occupy ourselves with during class."



Rachel Convery
Alicia Cooper
Timothy Cooper
Sarah Craven
Amanda Crook
Rex Cullen
Kyle Daphis



Randy Degani
Daniel Domsic
Tyra Earl
Jacob Edwards
Samantha Eisensee
Brittany Evanich
Melissa Falkner



Jonathan Ferguson
Nicholas Ficht
Scott Finchum
John Finck
Amy Fitzgerald
Jacob Fitzsimons
Devin Fogarty



Joshua Francis
Jamie Freeman
Trent Fullgraf
Kathryn Galambos
Jeremy Gates
Joel Gerber
Kaitlyn Gibbs



Billy Glass
Chad Gonzales
Garrett Graves
Briana Greenwell
Allison Hanchar
Ashley Hart
Alexis Hartman



Josh Long

Going on field trips always includes a bus ride. Many students need to find ways to keep themselves entertained. Junior Billy Hilbrich was going to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.





Justin Hauser



Anthony Helton



Corey Henson



Melani Henson



Billy Hilbrich

What was the most memorable part of your junior year?

Class of 2008

"Winning second place at state for Pantherettes because we worked hard for it." Brittany Evanich, 11

"The flood was very memorable because people walked in wet clothes for three hours, but it was also really fun wearing convict outfits on Homecoming." Daniel Domsic, 11

"I remember driving around Griffith and Highland and witnessing the damage of the flood. I never thought that could happen to us. Also, I remember crashing my Grand Am into a pole during the blizzard." Melissa Falkner, 11

"I really enjoyed having a snow day on Valentine's Day. I had the day off so I just messed around all day." Justin Louie, 11



David Kujawa

Juniors Kyle Najar and Jacob Terpstra are looking down from the balcony at the Museum of Modern Art in Chicago. This was one of many field trips they attended with the ACES program.

During a fire drill on a cold day, juniors Mike Zajac (right) and Brett Schoon (left) joke around. "I like fire drills. I like anything that gets me out of class, even for a few minutes," said Schoon.



David Kujawa

Britney Hill
Derek Hitt
Andrew Hixon
Ellen Hurdish
Mahmoud Issa
Kimberly Jamison
Kyle Johnson



David Jones
Justin Jones
Brittany Jursic
Katie Kaiser
Lauren Kelley
Angela Kepchar
Julian Kern



Andrew Kline
Sarah Kintz
Keegan Kiral
Jimmy Kleist
Zachary Koch
Rhianna Koepp
Amanda Koleski



Nicole Koleski
Mattie Krause
Jacqueline Krygowski
Michael Kubacki
David Kujawa
Danial Kulinski
Kenneth Korpela



Caitlyn Lackey
Kelly Lamendola
Tony Latronica
Jennifer Lawrence
Christy Leal
Tracy Leon
Lindsay Lewis



To pass some time before his next hour, junior Timothy Cooper walks through the hall to talk to a friend. "My favorite class is computer automated design because I get to draw on the computer," said Cooper.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Carrying her books into Sheila Vachuk's English class, junior Erika Aldape walks through the door before the tardy bell rings. "I like her class because the notes she gives us make her tests a little easier," said Aldape.

Hanging out at Plaza Lanes for Bowling Club, juniors Jake Edwards and Stephen Greenwood talk among themselves. "I like Bowling Club because there's no pressure in it," said Edwards.





Jonathan Little



Joshua Long



Michael Lopez



Justin Louie



Zachary Macak



David Sugawa



David Kuzawa

Because there is nothing to do, Juniors Corey Henson and Brett Schoon take a breather in welding class at Career Center. "I mostly like it because it gets me out of three classes," said Henson.

Junior Justin Jones, a first year career center student, works on an assignment in construction. "I like construction because it helps me prepare for future endeavors and I get to meet new people," said Jones.

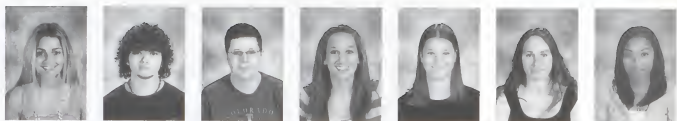
10 Random Facts About 10 Random Juniors

1. Corey Anderson plans to move to Fairbanks, Alaska after high school.
2. Kayla Aguilera has Obsessive Compulsive Disorder with saying "I Love You."
3. Jonathan Little has been playing piano since he was in the second grade.
4. Randy Degani's first name has been passed down his family for generations.
5. Amanda Koleski's family name used to be Kolodziejewski.
6. Andrew Aken is ambidextrous when it comes to playing pool.
7. Chloe Anderko dances when she eats standing up.
8. David Jones has been playing golf for three years.
9. Kathryn Galambos spends about \$60 a week on clothes.
10. Jessica Mendoza can take a DVD off the DVD rack, put in it the DVD player, and start it, all with her feet.



David Kuzawa

Amber Maglinot
 Danny Maglish
 John Magrath
 Samantha Mansanarez
 Keri Markut
 Lori Marsh
 Olivia Martinez



William Maywald
 Jessica Mendoza
 Brooke Miller
 David Mills
 Andres Minton
 Anthony Moore
 Demonica Murdock



Michael Murphy
 Kyle Najar
 Desmond Neylon
 Cassandra Nunez
 Jimi Nunez
 Yuri Nunez
 Jerami O'Brien



Douglas Osborn
 Andy Palinca
 Aundalyse Parquet
 Lauren Pollard
 Dwight Poole
 Miranda Pope
 Matthew Post



Amanda Purvis
 Elizabeth Ramsey
 Jeremy Ratajczyk
 Amber Reed
 Jeffrey Reyna
 Brittany Rias
 Joseph Richards



10 things juniors look forward to about senior year

1. Getting out of GHS
2. Not having as many required classes
3. Finally getting out of high school
4. Getting scholarships
5. Easier classes
6. Senior ditch day
7. Only one more year of high school
8. Getting to graduate early
9. Being the oldest class in school
10. Graduation





Caitlyn Robbins



Antoinette Rodgers



Kimberly Rogers

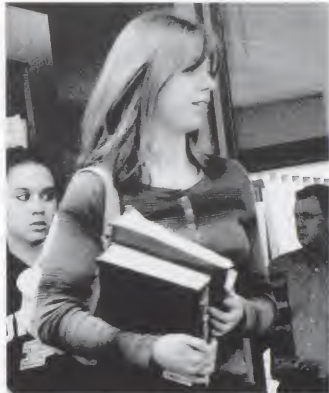


Ashley Roll



Rachel Romesburg

Leaving her class, junior Amy Fitzgerald goes to her next class. "I look forward to my senior year because it's my last year in high school," said Fitzgerald. "Another thing I look forward to is graduation."



David Kujawa

Getting ready to leave for the afternoon, Junior Anthony Concialdi walks down the hall with all his stuff. Concialdi is involved in football, which he lettered in, and in wrestling.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Walking down the hallway, junior Drew Salgado goes to his next class. "My least favorite thing about junior year is waking up in the morning to get ready to leave," said Salgado.

Outside for a fire drill, junior Jenny Bock-Coodo squints because of the sunlight. "I look forward to next year because we get out of here and we don't have as many required classes," said Bock-Coodo.

David Kujawa



Steven Aguilera

At lunch, boyfriend, junior Antonio "TJ" Herrera and girlfriend, junior Adrianna Mitre sit together at lunch. "I'm excited about next year because there is only one more year of high school," said Herrera.



Samantha Royal
Cathy Rudzinski
Daniel Rules
Corey Rutkowski
Elizabeth Ryzak
Zeljko Saban
Andrew Salgado



Anthony Scalzitti
Kaitlyn Scheffel
Timothy Schell
Amanda Schleitwiler
Brett Schoon
Timothy Sconza
Joshua Sims



Lorris Smith
Ireneusz Smolen
Alison Stage
James Sternberg
Travis Stevens
Sheila Szo
Jake Terpstra



Jordynn Tibbs
Brittany Tinnin
Courtney Tomaszewski
John Tonkovich
Sylvester Toussaint
Daniel Valois
Daniel Velez



Tara Villa
Jefferey Walczak
Jamie Walenkiewicz
Tyler Walk
Mark Welch
Caleb Westfall
D'Andre Wilson



Ashley Peters

Giving a presentation on ALS (a disease of the nervous system) in AP Biology, junior Jake Terpstra uses the overhead projector. "AP Bio is hard, but I like the class," Terpstra said.

While walking into English class, juniors Daniel Rules and Matthew Cavazos prepare themselves for the hour. "Next year is going to be fun because I get to have a whole bunch of blow-off classes," said Rules.

David Kuyasa

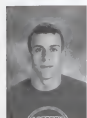




Lauren Winiacki



Andrew Wisowaty



Neil Wolski



Michael Zajac



Jose Zavala

Jeffrey Reyna and Pat Kolisz are bestfriends. Pat was asked six questions about himself and to test how well they know each other, Jeff was asked to answer them.

Kolisz

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Red

Q: What is your favorite type of music?

A: Rock

Q: Where do you want to go to college?

A: Duke

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Chicken

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Basketball

Q: What is your middle name?

A: Michael

Reyna

Q: What is Pat's favorite color?

A: Dark blue

Q: What is Pat's favorite type of music?

A: Rock

Q: Where does Pat want to go to college?

A: Duke

Q: What is Pat's favorite food?

A: Bread

Q: What is Pat's favorite sport?

A: Basketball

Q: What is Pat's middle name?

A: Michael

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David Kuyawa

Contemplating what to do over the weekend, or what he'll want to do after high school, junior David Mills makes his way to class. "Even though the teachers were cool," said Mills, "I just can't wait to graduate next year."

Three-year softball player Brittany Bridges, is looking forward for her last year in high school. "I like the fact that I have one more year left to go," said Bridges. She plans to attend Purdue University for college.



David Kuyawa

CPR is one method Junior Kimberly Jamison practices to save lives. "I love the Career Center because it's easy and I meet a lot of new people there," said junior Jamison. "A lot of my friends are in there, too."



David Kuyawa

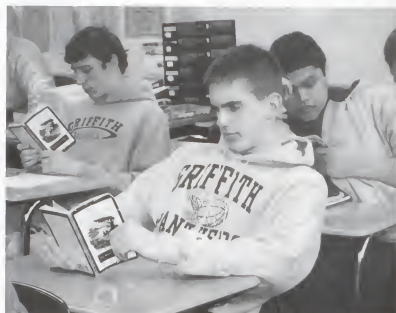
Talking about the day and working on a project in Textiles I, sophomores Emily Bailey and Natasha Subotic have no trouble multitasking. "I took textiles because I wanted to make stuff and it's a pretty simple class," said Subotic.



Stacy Sanchez

Reading the novel Of Mice and Men by author John Steinbeck, sophomores in Brian Jennings, English, first hour class relax and enjoy the book. All tenth grade students eventually read the novel.

Grabbing his books out of his locker during a passing period, sophomore Travis Little prepares to go to class. "By the time you get everything, there's no time to do anything. I think [passing period] should be longer," said Little.



Stacy Sanchez

Justin Abascal
Danielle Aguilera
Raquelle Aguilera
Hussam Alzeer
Ashley Ames
Olivia Anguiano
Ashley Azzarello



Hillary Baccino
Daniel Baggarly
Emily Bailey
Chris Bartley
Tod Basham
Brittany Bechtold
Michael Beck



Kelsie Belcher
Kelsey Berry
Kellie Blaski
Mark Blount
Charisse Bogan
Shelby Boliek
Alexis Bozinovich



Lindsay Brandner
Corey Breclaw
Kellie Bubala
Tyrese Buchanan
Heather Bullita
Mark Butkus
Zachary Butkus



Jennifer Buxton
Britney Cabrales
Jorge Castillo
Jamie Chancellor
Brandon Clark
Timber Clemons
Kandice Cobb



Are you a procrastinator?

Pimee Johnson

"Not usually. Sometimes I do assignments early, but sometimes I wait."

Samantha Holmes

"No, I'm not because if I wait until the last minute I will forget about whatever I am supposed to be doing."

Charisse Boğan

"Yes I am. There are other things I would rather be doing usually."



Stacy Sanchez



Kenneth Companik
Kevin Corrie
Destiny Cox



Amanda Craven
Heather Crews
Michael Cummins



Bailey Curtis
Ashley Davis
Jacqueline Delgado



William Dennison
Keela Detmar
Meagan Domanski

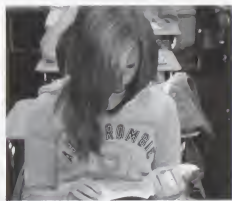


Rosetta Dorin
Alexa Dragoiu
Carly Dunn



Stacy Sanchez

Lining up the pattern and fabric, Melinda Griffith works on making a stuffed frog in Textiles I. "I like doing service for other people. It was easy and fun to make the frogs," said Griffith.



Stacy Sanchez

While in Brian Jennings, English class, sophomore Kyra Wall reads John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. Her favorite books are from Sara Dessen. "Reading is better than watching television," Wall said.

The Pros and Cons of

"We're not freshman anymore."

-Erica Rudyba

"We still have two years left."

-Brittany Marty

"I can finally drive and go where I want to go."

-Keith Mitchell

Being a Sophomore



Zackary Duvnjak
Brittany Edwards
Kaitlyn Euber
Taylor Finney
Shaun Fisher
Jessica Flutka
Carly Francis



Zuri Fruin
Mandy Funk
Ryan Galliher
Danielle Gasarkiewicz
Justin Gasper
Ashley George
Gina Gilge



Steven Gilman
Nicholas Gonzalez
Vanessa Gonzalez
Kristen Graan
Mary Granter
Melinda Griffith
Michael Gulstoli



Tyler Gustamante
Austin Guziar
Brad Hardin
Brandi Heidler
Jessica Henderson
Caroline Herrera
Annie Higginbotham



Nicholas Higgins
Stephanie Hobbs
Samantha Holmes
Chris Holycross
Mayada Issa
Danielle Ivy
Trevor Janke



Looking through box after box, sophomores Ashley George and Michelle Mojica play with the items on sale at the book fair. "Honestly, I thought everything looked like little kid stuff," laughed George.

As they chow down at Chela's, sophomores Trevor Janke, Gina Gilge, and Brad Hardin share a laugh. "I think sophomore year is a lot easier than freshman year was," said Janke.



Stacy Sanchez

Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters

Working as fast as he can, sophomore Justin Gasper prepares to run backwards to the starting line in the object relay. "I thought it was fun, even though I fell," said Gasper.



Aimee Johnson



Brandi Jones



Crystal Jones



Justine Jones



Gregory Joyce



Ashley Peters

The pie-eating contest during Homecoming's Activities Day provided much action and laughter for everyone. "I had never stuck my face in pie before," laughed sophomore Catherine Kus. "It was exciting."



Stacy Sanchez

With her machine threaded and fabric ready, sophomore Christina Soy works on sewing her frog "Textiles is fun and Mrs. Keithley is awesome. She's just more laid back than other teachers," said Soy.



Stacy Sanchez

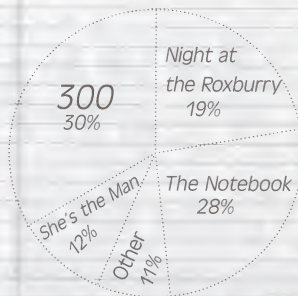
"My favorite class this year is definitely photography," said sophomore Ali Ktner. "Two of my best friends are in it with me." Here, she chats with sophomores Talia McKinstry and Emily Perlovich in her photography class.

Sophomore Andrea Mullens fills up her beaker in preparation for a science lab. "I like doing science labs because I like the hands on experience you get during the lab," said Mullens.



Ashley Peters

Sophomores' favorite movies



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Desiree Joyner
Cory Jung
Ryan Kalis
Daniel Keller
Justin Kelley
Darryl Kemp
Kevin Kaown



Alison Kitner
Jacqueline Klabbish
Jessica Knight
Kevin Konopasek
Elodia Krespo
Erica Kudyba
Katherine Kuna



Catherine Kus
Aaron Lannin
Joseph Lara
Evan Laviolette
Joshua Loop
Gabrielle Leimbach
Ashley Lenker



Katie Lesniewski
Kyle Lidster
Travis Little
Alex Little
Samuel Lillias
Bryan Lopez
Shawn Love



Terrell Mabry
Kyle Mackenthun
Sean Malone
Brittany Marty
Lauren Mathews
Lawrence Matovina
Mike Matusz



"Volleyball season was a lot more fun this year because we won more games than last year," said sophomore Caitlin Stevens. Stevens and sophomore Catherine Kus walk in to team it up in the middle of the match.



Ashley Peters

In the object relay during activities day, sophomore Tod Basham scrambles to grab an item from the table. "I picked to do the object relay because I am fast and I dominate the competition," said Basham.



Ashley Peters



Joey Mazur
Alison McCampbell



Katie McDaniel
Talia McKinstry



Jeffrey Melton
Abby Metsch



Mark Miecznikowski
Katie Miller



Keith Mitchell
Michelle Mojica



Ashley Peters

Wanting to try something new, sophomore Amber Vanwhite sticks her face in a whipped cream pie to search for a raisin. "I choose this event because I wanted to do something new and thrilling," said Vanwhite.

Eating at football spaghetti night with fellow teammates after a long day at practice is sophomore Ryan Galher. "The best part about spaghetti night is watching the game tapes from the other week," said Galher.



Photo provided

"At soccer practice, stations are probably the easiest," said sophomore Alexa Dragon. Soccer practice, held at the Beniger soccer fields, is after school everyday for about three hours.

Sophomore Nelson Oliver pulls with all his might during the tug-of-war against the seniors during activities day. Even though the sophomores won the competition overall, the seniors won this event.



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters

Morgan Momciovich
Michael Moses
Andrea Mullens
Gabriel Muro
Sara Nashloff
Araceli Nieves
Michael Noojin



Stephanie Nowak
Christine Obermeyer
Codie Olar
Nelson Oliver
Sean Perez
Emily Perkovich
Matthew Petersen



Heidi Pierson
Frances Pietruoha
Melissa Pilipow
Michelle Plucinski
Alexandra Polk
Richie Popovich
Joseph Ramos



Michael Ray
Jordan Redar
Mia Reitz
Kirsten Rex
Emily Riley
Donald Roach
Ashley Rodgers



Katherine Rone
Brandon Rukes
Anthony Salinas
Ashley Scott
Priscilla Sepulveda
Allen Shaffer
Melissa Sips



What you didn't know about Annie Higginbotham

How long have you been riding horses?

- Four years

What breeds of horses do you ride?

- Hanavarian

What types of competitions do you partake in?

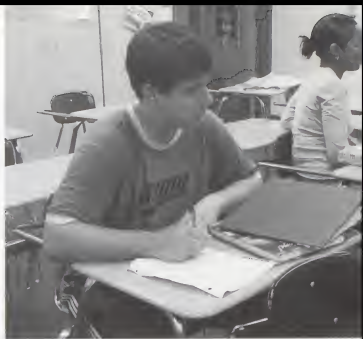
- "Hunter-Jumper" competitions

How often do you ride your horse, Symphony?

- During school - on the weekend - Summer break - everyday

What else do you do with your horse?

- I give riding lessons to younger kids



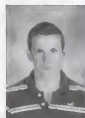
Taking notes during Mrs. Hageman's French Two class, sophomore Michael Guistoli does his best to pay attention "I like French class, because we are learning about another culture," explains Guistoli.



Kera Skinner
Kandriess Smith



Irma Solis
Lucinda Solis



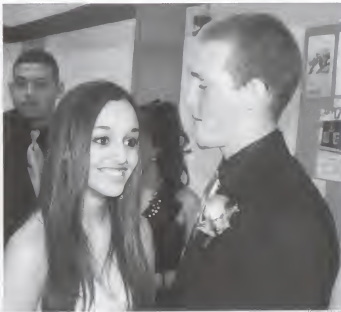
Anthony Soliva
Robin Sophia



Carlos Sotres
Christina Soy



Steven Spataro
Joseph Spisak



Lucinda Smith



Audrey Peters

Waiting for the Homecoming dance to start in the fieldhouse, sophomores Michael Beck and Kelsey Berry stand in the hallway with their friends. "I love going to dances, because the music is great," said Beck.

"Activities Day was awesome because the sophomores came in first place," said sophomore Kristen Vost. Vost is seen here taking part in the paper mummy event, in which she was wrapped in toilet paper.

Concentrating on the computer during class, sophomore Darryl Kemp decides what he'll type on his paper. "I really don't like this class," said Kemp, "but I have to take it in order to receive my credit for this class."



Mummy wrapping was one of the several games that were played during activities day for Homecoming. Sophomore Priscilla Sepulveda wraps up one of her fellow classmates with toilet paper.

Ashley Peters

Stacy Staszak
Caitlin Stevens
Amanda Stinnett
Brenton Strauch
Brooke Studniarz
Justine Sturgill
Natasha Subotic



Ariel Sutton
Chloe Thompson
Elizabeth Thrall
Alexandria Tibbs
Michael Tlinch
Courtney Todd
Danny Torok



Nick Trauscht
Nicholas Udchitz
Ambermarie Vanwhite
Elizabeth Vargas
Amber Verhoeve
Kyra Wall
Albert Webb



Brett West
Dawn White
Lorie Williams
Susan Wolff
Colin Yarnelle
Kristen Yost
London Young



Rosario Zavala
Matthew Zurawski
Michael Zurawski





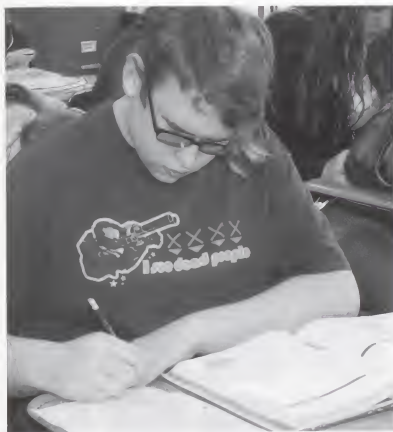
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A soft tune is played by sophomore Codi Olar during Coffee Night. "I played 'Good Riddance' by Greenday," said Olar. This is Olar's second year performing during Coffee Night and has been playing guitar for three years.

"Homecoming was really fun," said sophomore Abby Metsch. "I went to Buffalo Wild Wings afterwards with my friends." Metsch shows her school spirit the night of Homecoming by dressing up in black and gold.



Ashley Peters

While working on homework, sophomore Andrew Werkowski tries hard to accomplish all the homework in order to receive a good grade for his class. Sometimes the work can be arduous, but Werkowski can get it done.



Ashley Peters

What do you think of the new rules about the parking lot?

"It is stupid because it was one way the whole year and then they changed it for the last few weeks of school."
-Greg Joyce, 10

"I bought a pass at the beginning of the year so it doesn't affect me."
-Annie Higginbotham, 10

"I'm still going to drive to school and park in the lot because they told me at the beginning of the year that I didn't need a pass to park by the baseball field."
-Larry Matovina, 10



Ready to sling out loud, freshman Quin Barwick goes over the words to his next song "I enjoy singing, but I really do not like the songs that are picked to sing," said Barwick. "I plan on dropping this class next year."



Quin Barwick



Meghan Macak

"I was really nervous for high school because everybody was older than me," said freshman Meghan Macak. "High school wasn't that bad after I got used to it, and everyone was really nice to me," said Macak.

How smart is.... Sara McInerney?

Q: What is the capital of Illinois?

Sara's Answer: Springfield

Q: What number president was Abraham Lincoln?

Sara's Answer: 2nd

Q: How many two cent stamps are there in a dozen?

Sara's Answer: 12

Q: If you have three apples and you take two of them, how many do you have?

Sara's Answer: 2

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CORRECT ANSWERS

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Ethan Adams
Brian Albertson



Mario Aldape
Jaleesa Allen
Daniella Alvarez



Mohammad Amara
Jacob Anderson
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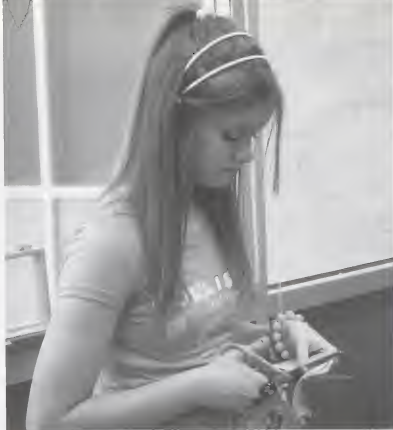


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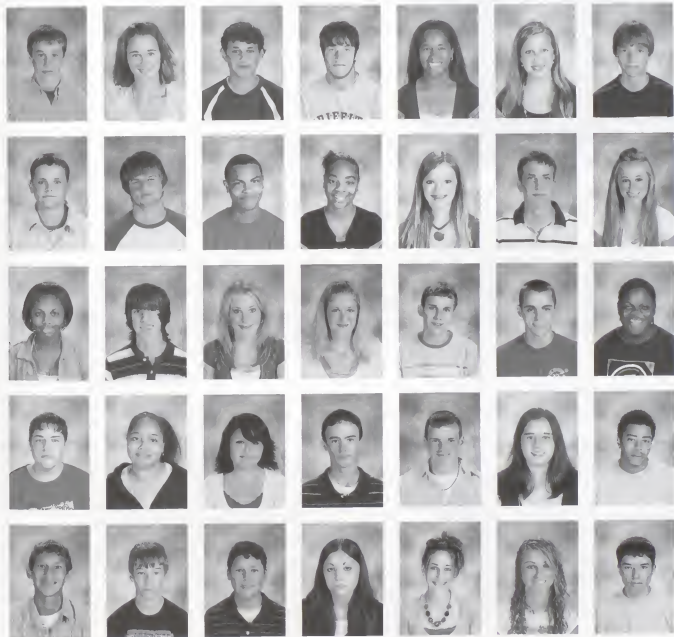
Barry Baltrusis
Brenda Banks
Quin Barwick





In Textiles 1, freshman Jessica Breclaw cuts out her pattern to make a frog. "I really enjoy this class because I like sewing," said Breclaw. "I also plan on taking Textiles 2 next year."

Preparing for class, freshman Kyle Terpstra bends down for a book. "I was trying to hurry for class," said Terpstra. "I really enjoyed my freshman year because it was a good experience."



Matthew Beck
Alicia Begeske
James Berry
Nicholas Biancardi
Shanlynn Bias
Brooke Blackard
Nicholas Bobowski

Brian Bock
Edward Bonocla
Isaiah Booker
Tonisha Brandon-Parker
Jessica Breclaw
Brian Brimlyer
Kier Brinkley

Kiara Brown
Eric Brumley
Kara Buchholz
Jessica Burbridge
James Burch
Jackson Buzza
Kevin Bynum

Nelson Cadiz
Brianna Cannon
Shannon Carpenter
Kyle Carter
Samuel Carter
Teresa Castellanos
Gregory Chandler

Joshua Chavez
Cory Chidichimo
Jose Cisneros
Brittany Cobb
Rachel Cooper
Breanne Copp
Matthew Corlett

With a crayon in her hand, freshman Rachel Cooper colors in her coloring book on the sidewalk. "I was coloring with Jacob Long's baby sister. Whenever she's around, I'll always do stuff with her," said Cooper.

Sitting in his desk in Rachel Miller's English class, freshman Ryan McCoy listens to Ms. Miller's lesson. "Ms. Miller is really a really fun teacher and she's so good at teaching that her class isn't really hard," said McCoy.



David Kujawa



Amber Cornett
Timothy Creighton
Amber Crook



Jeremy Dalton
Ashley Darrough
Rachel Dennison



Ashley Dodson
Travis Doppler
Natalie Drach



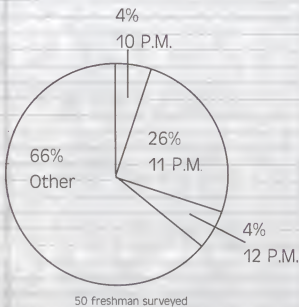
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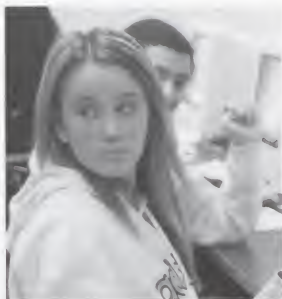
Michaela Ezell
Devell Fields
Angella Fisher



What's Your Curfew?



Looking away from her computer for a second, freshman Ashley Robinson types a research paper for Kay Orzechowicz's English class. "I like Mrs. O's class because it's like a free hour for me," said Robinson.



Because she is interested in Lorraine Hageman's lesson, freshman Angela Fisher sits in her french class paying close attention. "I really like the way she teaches and she's so enthusiastic," said Fisher.

To have some fun in his free time, freshman Matthew Plawecki plays soccer at St. Mary's. "I was playing for fun. I've been playing soccer since I was seven years old and it's a really fun sport," said Plawecki.



John Long

David Kupka

Joshua Long

David Kupka



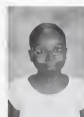
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Michelle Fogarty
Rebecca Franker
Jasmin Freeman



Nick Gallina
Aldo Garcia
Ashleigh Gates
Nicholas Gaydos
Jeff Godlewski
Melany Gonzales
Madeline Goodman



Kiara Gragido
Azsha Grant
Marty Green
Stephen Greenwood
Brittany Grigson
Kristen Gulley
Lauren Hansen



Candace Hardy
Jada Harris
Courtney Hauser
Guillermo Hernandez
Jacob Hernandez
Vincent Hernandez
Kaitlyn Herron



Ronald Higginbotham
Shelby Higgins
Lakisha Hill
Trevor Hitt
Nicole Hixon
Joshua Holbrook
Jane Hurdish

Working on a project for their English life skills class, freshmen Taylor LeJeune and John Perryman gather around a computer.

"Being a freshman isn't as hard as people think it is," said Perryman.



David Kujawa

While in the computer lab, freshman Marlo Aldape works on a project in Kay Orzechowicz's, English life skills class. "I was working on a play, Romeo and Juliet. I think it was a good play," said Aldape.

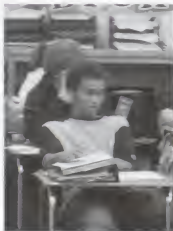


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Typing his English project in the downstairs computer lab, freshman Joshua Chavez thinks what to write next. The project was on how Romeo and Juliet's relationship was hurtful.



David Kujawa

Sitting in Lorraine Hageman's French I class first hour, freshman Jeremy Dalton listens to pronunciations. In French I, students learn the basic greetings, numbers, and the alphabet.

Mahmoud Issa
Chaneice Johnson
Deshon Jones



Oliwla Kalis
John Kantor
Omar Kelly



Trisha Keown
Steven Kepchar
Kara Kessey



Zachary Kisfalusi
Matt Kmetz
Chad Koble



Nicholas Kowalski
Montana Kroslack
Jasmine Lacey



"I like French. It's easy and I'm good at it," said freshman Rachel Dennison. During Lorraine Hageman's French I class, Dennison concentrates on pronunciation and translation of words.



David Kujawa

High School Fears...

"I'm afraid of getting cut from a sports team." - Jacob Long, 9

"My biggest fear is not being able to breathe." - Lisa Rafa, 9

"My biggest fear is being buried alive and spiders." - Sara Popovich, 9

"I'm afraid of losing people who are most important to me." - Michaela Ezell, 9

"I am afraid of being alone in the dark." - Brooke Blackard, 9

Losing friends... Tardies... Failing... Not being liked...

New teachers... Too much homework... upperclassmen?



Taylor Lambert
Michael Lanfear
Sarah Langston
Nathanlei Lara
Alexander Ledford
Megan Leitzke
Cortney Lenker



Christine Leslie
Deborah Leslie
Wayne Lewis
Kimberly Lindsay
Brian Little
Yakee Lomax
Jacob Long



Taylor Long
Jackie Lopez
Kylee Loudner
Jeremy Lukmann
Meghan Macak
Adam MacKenthun
Anthony Marker



Christian Martinez
Alexis Mata
Keeli Matthews
Michael Mayernik
Raquel Mazur
Mark McBounds
Caitlin McCabe



Patrick McCarthy
Ryan McCoy
Michael McDermott
Sara McInerney
Taylor McLean
Brittany Medley
Lindsay Meese

What are you most looking forward to in high school?

"I am looking forward to getting ready to be on my own."
Jessica Ritter, 9

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people and just getting a good education."
Elisabeth Flores, 9

"I'd like to make the bowling team."
Eric Weber, 9

"(I'm looking forward to) hopefully doing well in sports and getting a scholarship."
John Kantor, 9

"The experience I'm looking forward to is 12th grade prom."
Jaleesa Allen, 9



David Kujawa

As Brian Orkis, Health, takes attendance, freshman Cory Stidham thinks of the things he would rather do than play tennis. When speaking of high school, Stidham commented, "I get to enjoy the sports."

Suddenly trudging to first hour, freshmen Andrew Thomas (left) and Shawn Siokos (right) walk down the Willy Wonka hallway (B-hall). "You're all on your own (in high school)," said Siokos. "You get more freedom."



David Kujawa

With pen in hand, freshman Michelle Velez prepares to take notes during English class. "There were a lot more rules at St. Mary's", said Velez, a newcomer to Griffith Public Schools. "We have a lot more freedom."



David Kujawa

Savannah Mendoza
Emily Million
Darren Mills



Kaitlyn Mitchell
Melissa Moisant
Patricia Monroe



Dylan Moulesong
Stephanie Negrete
Pashon Newson-Brady



Joseph Nunez
Angelina Ojeda
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Vivian Perez
John Perryman
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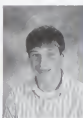
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Honing her tennis skills, freshman Jada Harris practices bouncing a tennis ball on her racket in P.E. class. "I was playing by myself," said Harris, unaware of the antics of fellow freshman Jennifer Porter behind her.



David Kujawa

A frown of concentration decorates freshman Michael Lanfear's face as he listens to his teacher. "It's (high school) a lot easier than I thought, just a lot more homework," mentioned Lanfear.



Ali Pietrucha
Matthew Plawecki
Sara Popovich
Jennifer Porter
Kelsey Prange
Andrew Pribyl
Jimmy Purvis



Omar Quintanilla
Carissa Quintero
Lisa Rafa
David Ramirez
Tony Ramirez
Sydney Reis
Alex Reyes



Charles Riehm
Jessica Ritter
Jorge Rivera
Carissa Robbins
Ashley Robinson
Daniel Rodriguez
Patrick Ruesken



Kalynn Ruiz
Jason Rush
Jordan Rush
Kimberly Russell
David Rutherford
Timothy Rutherford
Robert Saltanovitz



Eric Sanders
Joshua Sanders
Dominic Scalzitti
Anne Scheffel
Valarie Scholte
Peter Sepulveda
Michael Shane

"Soccer is still soccer no matter what grade I'm in," said freshman Raquel Mazur. "It's fun to play at the high school level because it's more advanced, and I just like it better."



Ashley Peters

Did you know...?

There are 278 students in the freshmen class.

It is the largest of the four classes in the high school.

Only an estimated 73.5% of those freshmen will graduate their senior year.

Of the graduates, only 52% of those freshmen will go on to college.



Ashley Peters

Chela's is a common place to find students from CHS, especially on half-days. Freshmen Sam Carter and Steven Kepchar enjoy a meal before they have to go to the football game.

As she sits at her computer playing Solitaire, freshman Sydney Reis says that the best thing about being a freshman is "having classes with my friends." For some of us, classes with friends doesn't happen.



Tracy Sanchez

Nicholas Sharp



Jerry Sharpe



Stephanie Shively



Jason Short



Shavonna Simmons



Being a freshman means having to work twice as hard to prove yourself. Here, a few freshman football players walk to the locker room after a hard practice. Only a lucky few will get to play in varsity games.

"I think cheering for football is better than cheering for basketball because fans get into the game and cheer with us, it's more fun," said freshman Jessica Breclaw. "It's a lot easier for us to get into the game."



Ashley Peters



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Curtis Singh
Shawn Siokos
Sarah Skertich
Kyle Smith
Veronica Smith
Gabriel Sotres
Melissa Stadnik



Dion Stammel
Cory Stidham
Kaitlyn Sudac
Kimberlee Swender
Kyle Terpstra
Andrew Thomas
Mark Thomas



Jennifer Thompson
Jared Tibbs
Amber Todd
Megan Troksa
Amanda Valtierra
Alyssa Van Horsen
Michelle Velez



David Vido
Jason Villalpando
Ryan Voges
Michelle Walczak
Kyle Watts
Eric Weber
Robert Welch



Anthony Williams
Amber Wilson
Sara Winiecki
Jacob Wright
Amanda Zaborowski
Abigail Zarndt
Xochitl Zavala

Helping with one problem at a time

After a summer filled with new memories, every student has to return to school. They receive a list of the classes they will be attending for the year. Everyday students go to the same seven classes. During those classes they learn 10-15 vocabulary words a week, the difference between Ag and Pb, or how to solve for x. Being a high school student can be difficult at times. People deal with their problems in different ways. "One problem I have with school is balancing many things at once, like my friends and sports," said sophomore Kristen Yost. During the school year, there are many different ways to learn. One can do hands on activities with different labs done by many teachers. "Any hands on experience helps students to learn better. Any other sense that helps them learn and understand is better than notes and lectures on the overhead," said Martha Davis, science. If doing a lab just is not enough, there is career center where students spend first through third hour doing activities in their area of preference. With all of the jobs, sports, and studies, many students get frustrated and just give up. There are students though, that deserve recognition for staying in the top ten of their class throughout high school. To take a break from the main required classes, students can take an elective class. Some elective classes are jewelry, ceramics, photography, or print-making. Electives offer a different way to learn and other kinds of skills. Griffith is a great school and supplies students with many academic opportunities.

Note to self....Catch up

See what rank I am, Bring the calculator

doubt my instinct, Do not let other

tor, Ask guidance if there are any

Study before going to bed in the

homework, Study for the pop quiz

going to listen, I need to concentrate

understand things so quickly, What is

observation, I think I will be able to

thing easier each year, Remember to

Note to Self...
Remember to feed myavenous
pitanhas
-Brandon Rukes 10

Note to Self...
Remember to study for school
in Germany
-Tilly Roehnett 11

Note to Self...
Remember to do my
homework
- Candice Tripp 11

Note to Self...
Remember to go to Key
Club and piano lessons
-Kelsey Berry 10

Note to Self...
Bring a sweatshirt for my
cold classes
-Jessica Ritter 9

Note to Self...
Stay after school to finish my
sports page for Newspaper
-Andrew Wright 12

Note to Self...
Remember to do everything,
especially my English
homework!
- Evan Nixon 12

make up work, Ask how to find the missing solution,

ator to class, Ask my teacher for help after school, Never

people copy, See if the principal needs another pear tu-

available electives to take, Never say I can't, Never give up,

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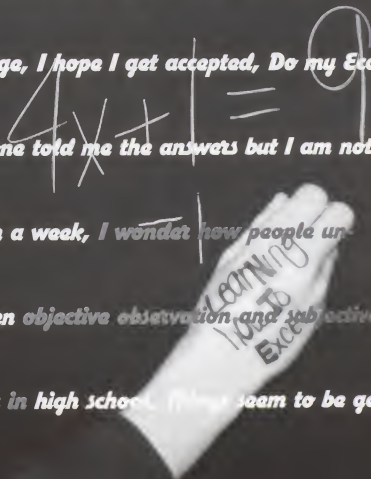
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the difference between objective observation and subjective

handle my last year in high school. Things seem to be get-

ask questions.





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Ashley Peters and Stacy Sanchez

Working their way towards the top

High school is full of projects, tests, essays, and homework. Making sure that all of this is done is a difficult task, not including having it done well. Therefore, doing both of these and still keeping a spot at the top of your class is a big accomplishment.

At the end of the first semester, most of the stress is relieved. The entire rank of the senior class is set and does not change at all. The valedictorian for the class of '07 was Matt Kuna. Kuna plans to go to Toledo University in Ohio with 20% of his tuition paid off from baseball and 50% more from academics. "I'm glad that my hard work paid off and I was able to get most of my college tuition paid for," said Kuna.

Right behind Kuna is the salutatorian, Megan Swanson. "Being at the top of my class is something I really wanted; it's an honor," said Swanson. Swanson plans to attend Purdue University and major in engineering.

The other students who were able to make it in the top ten of the senior class are Nate Lehmann, Billy Cahill, Lisa Worley, Erin Moore, Jessica Gerlich, Aaron Salczynski, Olivia Barlow and Jimmy Bobowski.

"I think it's pretty cool thinking that I'm number 8 out of over 200 students," said Salczynski, who is also attending Purdue University and hopes to become an air traffic controller.

Worley does not stress too much on her spot in the class ranks. "It's not that big of a deal because I've been at the top of the class since middle school. Once you're up there, you kind of stay there," she said. Worley is probably going to attend Indiana University this fall and major in radiology.

Most of these students have been in the same classes for most of high school. However, a few of them are exceptions. Moore and Bobowski are the only two students in the top ten that never took enriched English in high school.

"I was surprised and proud [to be in the top ten] because I only took enriched math throughout all of high school," said Moore. Most of the other students took enriched English, math, and AP Biology.

Another one to take only enriched math and AP Biology was Bobowski. "I'm really happy because this was one goal that I wanted to accomplish during high school," said Bobowski.

Although being in top ten does not have any real perks that can be used after high school, it is something that can make those students proud when they think back on these years. This experience has taught the students responsibility as well as maturity.



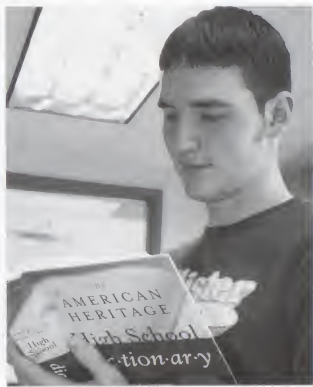
Ashley Peters

With all of his work done, senior Aaron Salczynski dozes off in Mark Swanson's government class. "I was tired after Swanson was done lecturing so I went to sleep for a little while," said Salczynski.



Reading the Panther Press and trying to fall asleep, senior Megan Swanson takes some time from her school work to relax. "High school was pretty fun, but I'm ready for college life and pursuing a great career," said Swanson.

Senior Matt Kuna reads the dictionary in order to help strengthen his vocabulary. "My favorite subject is science because it helps me prepare for what I want to do after college. My major is pharmaceutical sciences," said Kuna.



Ashley Peters

Ashley Peters



Finishing his Calculus homework during his aide hour is senior Billy Cahill. "I usually finish up my homework during in the morning. The other office aides and I have to work on it together because it is so difficult," said Cahill.

Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters

Lunch time is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and forget about class work for a little while. "In order to relieve some of the stress that comes with school, I just hang out with friends and ignore the school scene for a while," said senior Erin Moore.



- Close Calls:**
 #11. Trisha Brumley
 #12. Elise Garcia
 #13. Kristyn Maynard
 #14. Zoran Kvrjic
 #15. Kelly Redden

"I have a passion for food," said junior Brian Abbott, who is cooling pasta he had just cooked. Abbott attends the Career Center's culinary arts program. "I like the whole program. I want to eventually own my own restaurant," said Abbott.

To get some extra experience in the field, Junior Lauren Kelley goes to the dental assisting class at the Area Career Center. "I like everything about it. I'm going to be a dental assistant while I go to school to be a dental hygienist," said Kelley.



David Kugasa

Bring in the alternate

Worksheets, essays, lectures, reading assignments are all traditional methods for students to learn. They are also notoriously dull methods. No teenager wants to sit in a room for fifty minutes and listen to a teacher go on and on about something they couldn't care less about. Thankfully, people have caught on. Now there are ways for students to learn without making them afraid of falling out of their seats from sheer boredom, ways that don't just consist of hearing a bunch of facts and statistics and then getting a stack of homework.

In Griffith High School alone, there are several alternative learning opportunities for teens. One of the most popular programs is the Hammond Area Career Center. Students who attend the Career Center spend the first three periods of the school day in Hammond learning about a field that interests them. Most teens who attend the Career Center do so because they have a genuine interest in the field they are studying and want to pursue a career in said field, hence the name "Career Center".

"I wanted to try something in the medical field," said junior Chloe Anderko who attends the Health Occupations class at Career Center. "I want to go into radiotherapy, or be a physical therapist. There is a lot of hands-on work, like we learn how to use proper medical machines, take blood pressure and pulse," said Anderko.

Another Career Center student, junior Matthew Post takes the welding class offered there. Post, who wants to be a pipe-fitter, said, "It's good to try out all the equipment they have there. It's better than all the classes we take here."

The Career Center is not just a terrific learning experience, though. Students who attend earn six credits a year, and receiving a B average may earn a student college credits as well. That probably is not what senior Kolie Johnson was thinking about when he chose to attend, though.

"I love to cook," said Johnson, a student in the culinary arts class. "I'm going to be a pastry chef, and I want to open my own bakery."

Career Center may be a bit different from the normal learning techniques, but it allows students to explore their desired career more thoroughly. The Area Career Center is a great chance for anyone interested in a specific job to study that job. Many students have already taken advantage of that chance and many more will in the future.



**Match the person to their
Career Center
subject**

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Christy Leal-11

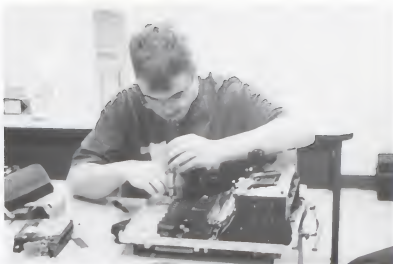
Tanya Vogel-11

- A) Graphic Image Technology**
- B) Early Childhood Education**
- C) Health Careers**

Answers: Leal-A/Vogel-B/Jamison-C



David Kujala



David Kujala

Head bent in concentration, senior James Witt works on an assignment for his Computer Information Technology class at the Career Center. "We troubleshoot, do networking, and build computers. I want to be a networking administrator," said Witt.

Focussing on the task at hand, seniors Anthony Drechtny and Derrick Huzzie fix a car for their auto repair Career Center class. "It had a vacuum leak and we were finding where it was," said Drechtny.

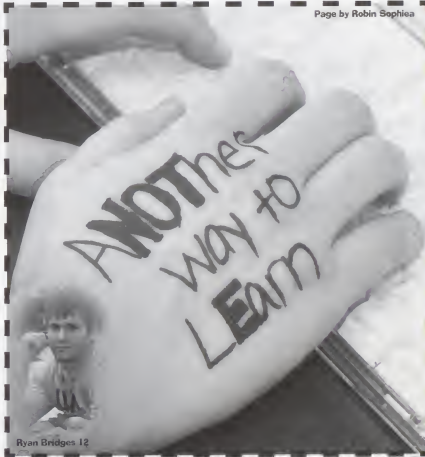


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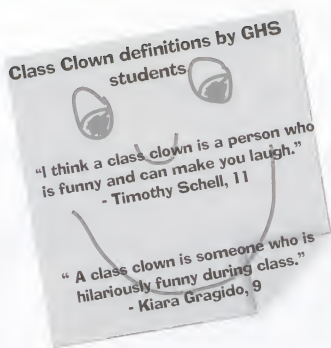
David Kujala

With Turnabout that night, junior Katie Kaiser uses her time at the Career Center to get her hair done by a fellow Cosmetology student. "We learn hair coloring, up-dos, nails, makeup," said Kaiser. "I thought it would be a nice side job during college."

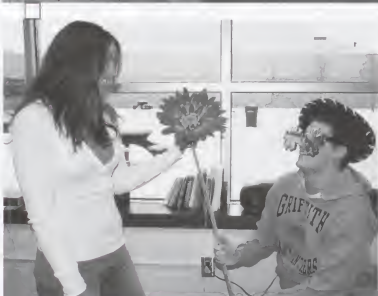


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Stacy Sanchez



Stacy Sanchez

"I try to make the best out of school because it is very boring," said senior Steve Siokos when asked why he is a class clown. "I just try to be as funny as I can be," said Siokos.



Stacy Sanchez

While joking around in Kristina Collard's computer room, senior 'class clown' Chris Parker wears a pair of flower sunglasses while brightening up junior Lauren Pollards' day with a giant flower.

Holding up his Joke list, Government and Economics teacher Jim Pickett always loves a good joke. "(I make jokes in class because) I like to get people's attention," said Pickett.

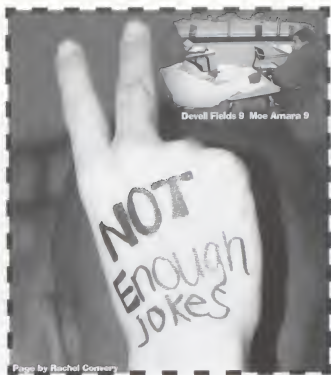
Messing around in Kristina Collard's journalism computer room, senior class clown Matt DeJesus gets himself cramped upside down into a small cabinet.

During class, junior David Jones, goes up to the board. "I like to keep people happy," said Jones. "People laughing makes their day better even if their having a bad day."



Aracely PETERS

David Jones



Photos by Rachel Cortez
Stacy Sanchez

More jokes, happier students...

Imagine school without the kids who make you laugh. What words come to your mind when you think of these students? Some say they are loud, obnoxious, funny, or even sarcastic. If you didn't have these students in your class you'd probably think school was boring. "I think class clowns perk things up when class is boring," said freshman Raquel Mazur. The stereotype of a class clown is that those kids receive low grades and are always found in suspension. In reality, that isn't always true because some are the smartest girls or boys in their grade, even the whole school. "I don't think the stereotype is true because a lot of the intelligent people just get bored in class, so those kids are usually the class clowns," said Mazur.

These 'class clowns' of the school could probably make another student's day better, even if it is only a crack of a smile or a little laugh. Little remarks can make a person feel brighter. Every class has a different class clown.

"It depends on if the class clowns are taking stupid to a whole new level then I don't like them, but if they just say something every once in awhile then they're okay," said Mazur about having a class clown in her class. Having these kids could be fun or it could turn out bad. These students could annoy the kids who actually want to learn what is being taught in the class.

These students may just say something stupid and random or they may make fun of something that has happened to someone earlier on in the day. Teachers may find these remarks funny or they might find them harsh and untrue. Rachel Miller, English said, "I think class clowns are funny when what they have to say is smart, funny, or appropriate."

Even teachers can be the class clown, for example, Bob Hastings, history does an infamous time machine when he teaches a lesson and he has to go back in time. Many kids will remember that for years to come because he helped them learn, while being funny.

All students have a different opinion of class clowns. Many will never think that they are funny, while others may think they are the funniest people in the world. Whatever you think of these kids, who make people laugh, those kind of students will always be around whether in school, or in work.

"Making jokes in class keeps me entertained (and I like crushing the souls of my students)," said art teacher Jason Gast. Gast teaches six different ceramics classes and 3D art.

David Jones

While reading a magazine and listening to music, senior Sara Moore works on a sewing project in Margie Keithley's textiles class. "I took textiles as an elective because I thought it would be fun to sew," said Moore.

Sitting in the attendance office, seniors Billy Cahill and Lisa Worley have time to relax and concentrate on other school work. Taking an elective gives students an opportunity to relax from the normal school day of sitting at a desk and learning.



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Learning in New Ways

Sometimes it is easy to get caught up with hard classes like English, math, science, and history. To rid the stress of these classes, students choose fun or interesting classes that appeal to them. Also, electives are classes that are always there when there are no other classes left to take.

A lot of students, for example, choose to be an aide for a teacher, for the library, or for the office. Being an aide can give students a free hour to catch up on some homework or just a chance to take a break from regular school activities.

"(I'm a library aide) because I had no other classes to take," said junior Cathy Rudzinski. As a library aide, she helps the librarians decorate for holidays, watch the front desk, and check out books to students.

Another elective that many students take is band. Most of the students that take band as an elective have played an instrument for many years and are very talented. "I like music and I wanted to learn how to play music," said junior Matt Cavasos, who has been in band since elementary school. In addition to band, a lot of students take choir as an elective. Although some students just take choir to fill a blank space in their schedules, many really enjoy learning about music and how to read it. Both band and choir classes help students learn new skills with music.

Electives are classes that offer student the chance to work creatively. Textiles is a great elective that many students, girls and boys, take to create their own fashion ideas. Projects include making dresses, sweatshirts, and pajama pants. Also, classes such as ceramics and jewelry allow students to work hands-on with objects by creating pieces of art.

No matter which elective a student chooses to take, they all are a great way to learn new things and take a break from the normal classes during the school day.



Which elective(s) are you taking and why?

"Band because band's fun and I like playing instruments." Adam Gasper, 12

"Textiles because I think it's fun to do sewing." Jessica Breclaw, 9

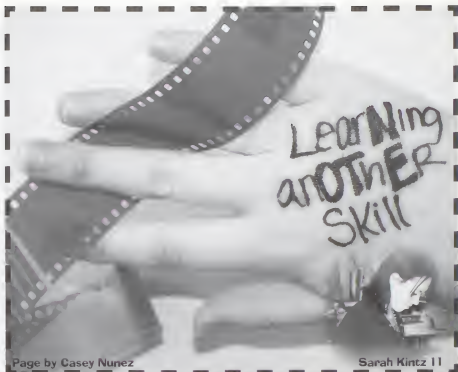


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"I like making things with my hands and being creative," said junior Devin Fogarty. While perfecting his project, his clothes and surrounding objects get covered with clay.



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Sitting in the attendance office, senior Kelly Redden relaxes and catches up on some homework. Redden has an aide hour and peer tutoring as her electives. "I needed a free hour to do the homework that I didn't do the night before," said Redden.



Taking down a name in the nurse's office, junior Amber Reed does her job as an aide. As a nurse's aide, her job is to take down names and record when students come in to see the nurse.

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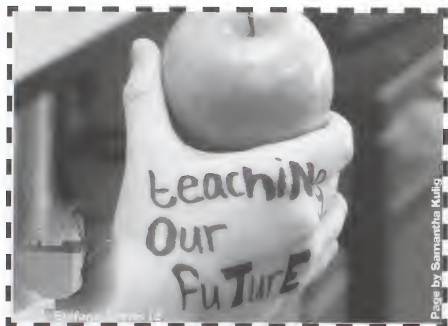
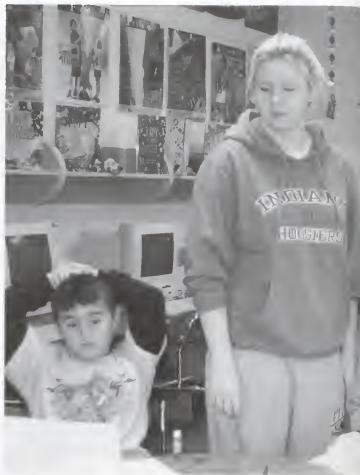


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Adrienne Peters

With a little extra help, senior Amy Sloan goes around the classroom to make sure every student understands the lesson. "I want to be an elementary teacher because I like helping people," said Sloan.



Learning how to teach

There are many students at Griffith High School who wish to be a teacher. Lucky for them there are two choices to get a better idea of what teachers do everyday. To get a better understanding of what teaching is about they can help out teachers. There are a couple of programs at Griffith High School that prepare students to teach others.

One of those choices is being a teacher's aid for one teacher. Those students get an hour to help a selected teacher with whatever needs to be done. The teacher aides get a 1/2 credit for the hour they help out their teacher. The other choice students have is being a cadet teacher each semester. Cadet teachers go to an assigned elementary school in the morning for the first two hours of school. Cadet teaching is a way for students to see what it's like to be a teacher. Cadet teachers grade homework, teach, and just help with anything they can.

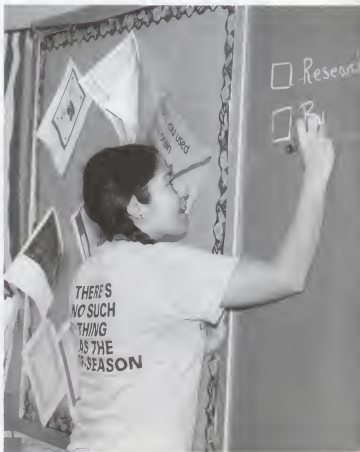
People have different reasons for why they want to be a teacher. "I want to be a teacher, because I like helping people," said senior Amy Sloan. Cadet teaching gives students time to interact with the kids. "I take them (kids) and work with them on things they have problems with," said Sloan. Sloan is a cadet teacher for Dawn Lurgas at Wadsworth Elementary School.

Walking into a classroom with about 20 kids and an unfamiliar teacher could make a student nervous.

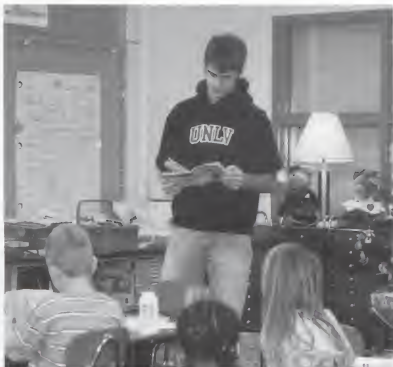
"I was really nervous in the beginning, but then I got used to it," said senior Elizabeth Hancock. Hancock is a cadet teacher for Rusty Franzen at Beiriger Elementary School. Maybe students just enjoy the company and the fact that they get out of first and second hour.

"I like cadet teaching a lot and it's a plus to get out of the first two hours of school," said senior Alana Massa. Massa is a cadet teacher for Joe Piatek at Beiriger Elementary School.

Whether a student wants to be a cadet teacher to learn or to skip two hours of high school, it is offered at Griffith High School. It's a great way for students to get involved with a career that they may pursue.



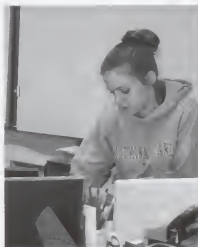
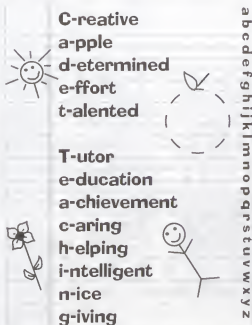
Reading to his students out loud senior Jordan Bruno shows off his teaching skills. Cadet teaching is a way to get prepared. It is practice for students who want to be a teacher.



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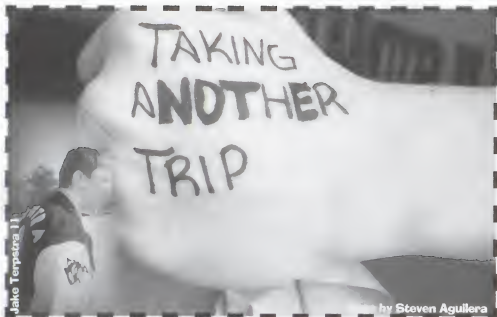
While helping out her teacher Joe Platek from Beirger, senior Alana Massa works on grades. "I want to be a fifth grade teacher," said Massa. Cadet teaching prepares her for what she wants to do as a career.

As an aide to Eric Steiner, from Beirger, senior Annie Hernandez writes out the daily schedule. "I like it because it's a good learning experience with the kids and I get out of first and second hours," said Hernandez.



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Grading papers is just one of the things that senior Elizabeth Hancock helps out with. "I want to be an elementary teacher one day," said Hancock. Hancock is a cadet teacher for Rusty Franzen from Beirger.



by Steven Aguilera

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The wheels on the bus go round and round

What is better than taking a field trip? People get fresh air and they get out of school for most of the day, or they get out of the house if the trip is on the weekend. Everyone likes them even if they do not like where the trip is because they get to be with their friends for the day. Even though students will have to make up the schoolwork they miss, they still have to admit it was worth it.

One field trip that happened this year was the International Club's trip to Chicago. Now, why would they go there? The reason was to experience a German Christmas shopping atmosphere at the German Market. "It was fun because I had never been to a German market before and they had different items from around the world. Although, it was kind of nerve wracking because there were so many people in such a small place and I'm kind of claustrophobic," said senior Erin Moore. The market was completely crowded, but that did not stop the International Club members from buying some exotic items. Senior Trisha Brumley bought a pair of earrings and Erin Moore bought a gingerbread cookie and gingerbread Santa.

However, their entire day was not spent at the market. They had to do other things. "We had breakfast at Macy's, went shopping at the Hello Kitty Store, and then we stopped at a Chocolaterie," said senior Trisha Brumley.

Another field trip that was taken this year was the Chorale's trip to the Walter E. Smithe furniture store in Merrillville. Chorale was in a singing competition with the Lake Central choir. "We sang Christmas carols and Mr. C made up a song for Walter E. Smithe. It was really funny because it was thrown together so quickly and we left off the "E" in Smithe," said junior Daniel Rukes. The Chorale really knew their stuff because they won five hundred dollars. That should really come in handy for their trip to L.A. later in the year. They also sang carols for the elementary school kids and sponsored a pancake breakfast.

Many good things can come out of a good field trip. People can learn some useful information or they can be rewarded in some way. They can be rewarded through gained knowledge, money from a competition, or even strengthened friendships with classmates. These outcomes can make field trips all the more enjoyable. Although, the fact that students can get out of class really helps, too.



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Standing on stage at the Automotive and Petroleum Marketing Competition for DECA, senior Brittany Erickson comes in at fourth place and will move on to state. "I'm used to going to state. I'm excited," said Erickson.



Coranne Hageman

Curiously looking around town, senior Alexis Gonzalez walks around Madrid on the Europe trip thinking of what to do next. "We were looking around town at the sites and museums. I like how their towns are so different compared to ours," said Gonzalez.

With a look of care in her eyes, junior Britney Hill takes a good look at the cat in front of her on a FCCA trip. "We went to the Humane Society and the cat in the cage was so cute! I love cats," said Hill.



Brittany Erickson



Christina Walters

Junior Zachary Koch, a two year Chorale member, walks through the halls of Banger Elementary caroling for the classes along with the rest of the Chorale. "Even though we were at each school for about 20 minutes, it was fun seeing all of the kids," said Koch.

Waiting in front of one of the exhibits, junior Kyle Najjar talks with seniors Kelly Redden, Billy Cahill, and junior Brittany Evanich on an Aces trip to Brookfield Zoo. "We were looking at the polar bears, but my favorite part was the monkeys," said Najjar.



Josh Long

What do you like to do while riding the bus on a field trip?

"Normally, I like to bring some music or I talk to my friends."
Jake Long-9



"It depends on where we're going, but I usually like to goof off with my friends."
Raquel Mazur-9

What was your favorite group work project?

"We designed a game board in (Julie) Wencloff's Earth space science class."

-Mike Guistolis, 10

"I liked the old time newspaper we created in (Rachel) Miller's class. We had a week to complete it. It was a lot of fun."

-Kaitlyn Sudac, 9

"The MacBeth presentation in Miller's class because we made ours really funny."

-Andrew Wright, 12

Working together gets more done

Class assignments can often be boring and difficult. To add a little bit of variety to the plans, most teachers allow students to work with one another. "With group work you have to make sure that the work is split up evenly because, sometimes, one person will end up doing more work than the rest of the group," said Brian Orkis, health.

In Jim Pickett's, social studies department, government and economics classes, he divides the students into groups of four or five and designates a certain part of the lesson for each group to outline. Then, the groups go up in front of the class and teaches them a part of the chapter. Many of the students enjoyed this interesting learning tactic.

"It was something different. It made memorizing the lesson a lot easier because we actually found the information ourselves," said senior Ryan Berry.

Pickett finds that using group work can help his students understand the class a lot more. "It teaches teamwork, responsibility, and creates leadership. Group work is also a different way to approach material."

Many students enjoy having the help of others when it comes to doing assignments. "I like group work more than doing it on my own because it is easier. There are more ideas being thrown around," said senior John Reyna.

"I have a hard time listening to the teacher the entire class period. Sometimes group work makes the subject more interesting," said sophomore Britney Cabrales.

"We do a lot of group work in Spanish class, it is a lot better than doing assignments on your own. With group work, you can hear other people's opinions and they can help you if you need it," said freshman Justin Phillips.

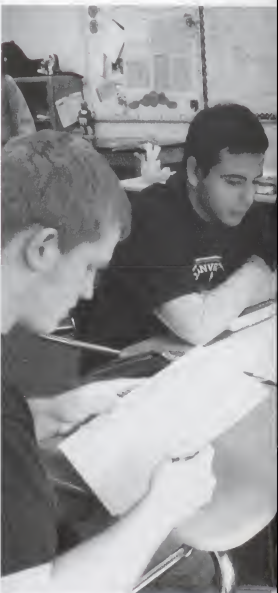
"Honestly, I love group work. I end up not doing as much work as I would if it was individual. The other people in my group, end up doing a lot of the work," said sophomore Michael Barlow.

However, there are a few people who disagree on this topic. "I like the fact that things are easier and they get done a lot faster, but I like working on my own better. When I work with a group I don't feel like I learn as much," said senior Trisha Brumley.

This subject depends on the individual person and in what environment they learn best. "It all depends on the person. Some people learn better in groups and others are not as receptive to that type of learning," said Orkis.

Most classes incorporate group work into the curriculum. In everything from math to English or history. Working with others is something that will always be used in schools. These activities can prepare you for the real world because many jobs require employees to work and get along with one another.

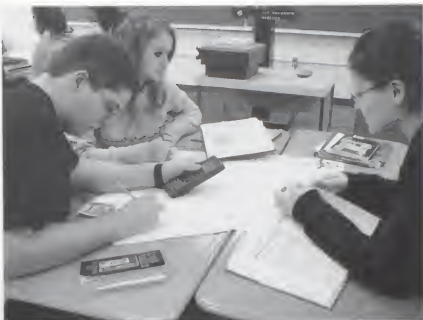
With computer in front of him, senior Danny Calhoun presents his power point project in Rachel Miller's English 12 class. "We had to give a presentation on MacBeth. Doing class work is a lot more fun when you have a partner," said Calhoun.



Working on a group project in Kristina Collard's AP English class, senior Molly Orzechowicz types some notes for her presentation. "We had to teach a part of the unit to the rest of our class. My partners were Billy Cahill and Evan Hixon (seniors)."



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Seniors Ben Victory, Kasia Damski, and Melissa James work together on a statistics assignment in Marilyn Brunk's class. "Working in a group is easier because if you don't understand something, you have other people to help you," said Damski.

To finish their project in discrete math, seniors Beau Leimbach, Michael Luna, Kyle Palanca, and junior John Tonkovich work together on their assignment. "Group work is a great way to interact with others while learning," said Luna.



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"I like group work because it is easier to get things done and you can compare answers with other people," said Junior Mirandas Pope. Pope is working with Junior Kathryn Galambos in Luann Pramuk's US history class.



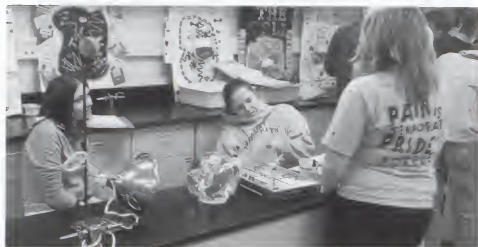
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Rarely seen just standing around, juniors Cassie Bailey, Samantha Royal, and Cathy Rudzinski were waiting to measure their tubes. "We were doing a lab to learn how photosynthesis works," said Bailey.

Mixing together a buffer and chloroplasts, juniors Zachary Koch and Daniel Domsic were testing the affects of light on leaves. "We had to see when plants would make their own energy," said Domsic.



JOHN LONG

Labs

When you walk into your science classroom and see test tubes, goggles, and bunsen burners you know that you are doing a lab. A lot of students like labs because it is hands on and it helps them to understand what is going on. For students who have trouble learning during lectures, labs seem to make everything more clear.

Sophomore Tod Basham is in chemistry and he said, "I like labs because you do to cool things like playing with the bunsen burners. Also, sometimes you get to make small explosions." Basham said, "I learn better with labs because I learn a lot more things with hands on activities."

Junior Lauren Pollard is in advance placement biology. "I learn better with labs. They are more hands on. Also it is harder to pay attention to a lecture sometimes because they can get boring and last a long time," Pollard said. Teachers might like labs because they are another learning tool.

Biology teacher Ruth Carmichael said, "It's hard to say which one I like to do better. You use a lab to reinforce what your lectures were talking about." There are so many different ways people can learn. Some can learn something by just reading it or hearing it. Others have to actually do what is being taught to them.

"The way students learn the best totally depends on their style of learning," Carmichael said. Labs can range from really boring or really exciting.

"The coolest lab I have ever done was one where we dipped a test strip into cardboard and then we put it into the bunsen burner and it made a loud noise. It changed the color of the flame on the bunsen burner," Basham said.

"In advance placement biology we did a spectrometer lab. We measured the light waves through chloroplast. The lab was really confusing, but it was a fun lab to do. I learned a lot from it," Pollard said.

Even though teachers don't do the lab they have their favorites.

"The best lab we do in Biology is one with organic unknowns. We have to test all of them and try to find out what substance they are. In advanced placement biology we do a lab that we have to split DNA. All the students really like that lab," Carmichael said. No matter what science class you are in you can use labs to help you understand something that is really confusing.



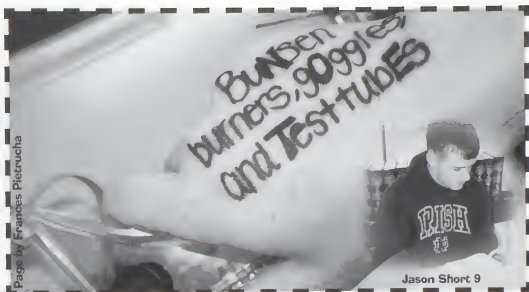
Who discovered it?

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| 2: ELECTRICITY | B) Sir Alexander Fleming |
| 3: CANCER | C) Newton |
| 4: THE ATOM | D) Dr. Tony Hunter |





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David Kujawa

Starting his project on the cell, Junior Timothy Schell works on the computer. "We had to pick a part of the cell and do a power point presentation on it. It was a easy project and we learn about the cells parts more in depth," said Schell.



Stacy Sanchez



David Kujawa

To learn more about cells senior Danielle Wilson is doing a lab. "We were learning how cells get food when the temperature around them changes. I had to try to pick up the toothpicks without seeing them."

"We were testing to see how chloroplast would react to light under certain conditions. We were mixing a buffer into the chloroplast and unboiled chloroplast," said Juniors Billy Hilbrich and Ellen Hurdish.



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Hey, pay attention!

There is just no denying it; some people believe school is dull and a waste of time, energy, and life. Even though not all people have this sort of thought process, everyone can still become distracted during class and even after school hours.

One of the most obvious distractions is sleeping. With school, homework, jobs, a social life, and other things, teenagers have a lot of things to do in a single day. All this can become troublesome when the activities take up more time than they should and eat up hours that a student should be using to sleep. The result for some is napping in class. The kids that do not fall asleep will often have their heads in the clouds and cannot concentrate.

Sometimes, it is just one of those days where no matter how hard they try, they just cannot seem to be able to pay attention during class. Slowly, their mind wanders off; within moments, there is no use trying to get through to them. Daydreaming can be a blessing and a hazard. Even though it is great that the imagination is still there and working, one will miss out on the notes they need for tomorrow's big test.

Another big distraction is caused by friends. There are always plenty of opportunities during the day to see your friends. Often times, someone will have several classes with one or more of their friends. This can be especially troubling when the two whisper to each other or pass notes during an important lecture. Do not forget that there is always time to socialize before school, during passing periods, at lunch, after school, or even on the phone in the middle of the night.

Doodling can also be a large distraction. While it may be fun, it usually will not help someone learn the needed material, especially if the only things that are being drawn are cute, little bunnies. Generally, people will doodle after the lesson is over, but they could still be doing homework instead (at least they won't have as much to do at home, which frees up some of their time). Some heinous people will even draw during the lecture, which gives off the impression that they are working when they are really not.

Once in a while, a rebel will surface, and with this rebel comes playing cards. Now cards have been outlawed at Griffith High School for as long as anyone can remember, but they seem harmless enough. Certainly a friendly game of Go Fish isn't hurting anybody. Rules are rules, however, and the cards just are not allowed on the premises.

We all know that school can be tough, but that is no reason to stop paying attention in class. These grades will follow everyone through life, so do not let the distractions bring them down!



With stamps and stickers in hand, senior Kyle Palinca works quickly in order to attack his target. "I was getting ready to stamp Miss (Rachel) Miller," Palinca said. "It was supposed to be study time."

Buttery popcorn can be a big temptation, especially during ceramics class. Senior Sabn Amara and junior Jeffrey Reyna munch on a bowl of popcorn that senior Chris Parker had given them. "We had just got it, and we were bored," Amara said.



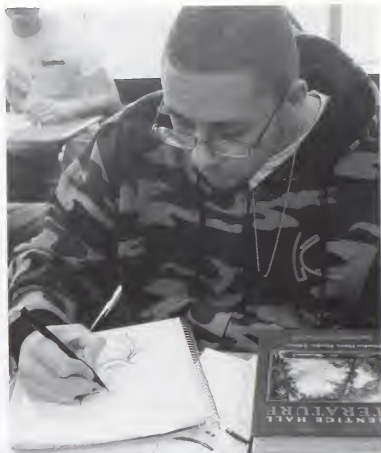


During English class, senior Caleb Fruin works on an impressively detailed drawing in one of his notebooks. "It's what I usually do," Fruin mentioned. "The teacher wasn't talking then."

Haunched over her desk, junior Lauren Winiecki plays on her electric Sudoku game, something she brings to school everyday. "It's the biggest distraction because I'm addicted to the game," Winiecki said.



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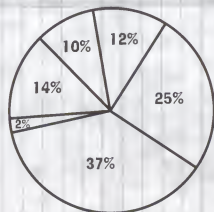
Sitting in a group, seniors Eric Ritter, Corey Nash, and Randall Zellers relax during the remainder of English class. "We were reading the newspaper. We were done for the day," Zellers commented.

Ashley Peters



David Kugawa

What distracts you most during the school day?



51 students surveyed

37% Friends
25% Daydreaming
14% Other
12% Doodling
10% Sleeping
2% Reading

A Week In The Life Of.....

Freshman Rebecca Franker

Classes

French 1, Geometry Enriched, Choir, English Enriched, Biology, Textiles 1, Gym.

Weekly Schedule

Monday: Pantherettes 3:30-5:30

Tuesday: Pantherettes 3:30-5:30, Danceforce 6:30-9:00

Wednesday: Pantherettes 3:30-5:30

Thursday: Pantherettes 3:30-5:30 Danceforce 6:30-9:00

Saturday: Pantherettes 10:00-12:00

Sunday: Pantherettes Dance Class 3:30-5:30

Working on her homework sophomore Brandi Heidler explains how hard it is to play sports and keep up in school. "I try to finish my homework during the day, because when I get home I just want to go to bed."



Carrie Ruppel



Joel Long

Spending a minute together before class are freshmen Jackson Buzea and Kara Buchholz. "It is really easy to manage our relationship because we are always there to help each other out, and we know when to give each other space," said Buzea.

Many students like senior Tyler Louviere take time out of their practices to finish homework. Since swimmers have practices so early in the morning the last thing they want to do is stay up all night doing homework.



Scott Usher

While waiting for a customer, senior Theresa Sanchez tries to finish up some homework. "Whenever were not busy I try to work on my schoolwork," said Sanchez. "By the time I get home I still need to eat and take shower. I get really tired."



Stacy Sanchez

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Balancing out my life

One big part of being in high school is learning how to handle schoolwork, get a job, be in an after school activity, and still have time to socialize with your friends.

"The worst part of having a job is when they schedule me to work and I already have plans with my friends or something is rescheduled for Pantherettes," said Junior Kelley Cloghessy.

For other students their job may not interfere as much, like senior Melony Cabrales. "I only work two days a week so it does not really bother my social life or my schoolwork," said Cabrales. Cabrales is also on the varsity cheerleading squad.

For students who can plan their own schedule at work, their lives are much easier.

"I call in and tell my boss the days that I am available to work and he schedules me according to that," said senior Jessica Phillips. Phillips is a member of the Pantherettes, gets good grades, works at the Visual and Performing Arts, and still manages to keep a steady relationship with her boyfriend senior Daniel Woloszyn.

"I finish my homework at school and make plans with my friends ahead of time," said Phillips.

Students who are not involved in after school activities enjoy working a little bit more.

"I do not have to practice for anything after school so that makes more time for friends and work," said senior Ashley Perry.

Many students who have boyfriends/girlfriends say that it tends to get harder and harder to make quality time for their relationships. "I usually have my boyfriend help me with my homework because by the time I get out of cheerleading practice I still need to find time for homework and him," said junior Kayla Aguilera.

Balancing out your time is very important during high school because it is a time where you need to get good grades, you spend a lot of money, and you want to hang out with your friends almost all the time. Many times students need to mature and learn how to handle all of the responsibilities that come to them. Balancing time may be hard for some students to get used to, but it is something that you will use until you grow up and have kids of your own.

Junior Randy Degani spends one of his lunch periods working on an assignment. Many students take advantage of the free hour to get some work done instead of having to do it at home.

David Kasper

Note to Self...
Remember to get all
my baseball stuff and
stretch
-Kevin Konopasek 10

Note to Self...
Go Go get 'em go...
-Tiffany Lidster 12

Note to Self...
Stay calm or I won't be
able to focus on technique
-Caitlin Moisant 12

Note to Self.... Get my ticket for Semi-State, I hope they get

Wow, Radtke is scary today, Ouch the tackle looked like it hurt Watch out for

ball team, they are really good this year, Watch the way he kicks, I heard he

for all the soccer boys, someone told me they dyed their hair for sectionals, I

eat with the soccer girls to talk about the dune thing, Go to the gym today and

get ready for XC, Look at Nathan's tackle, that's a good tackle, YES the girls won

game, Look at Nathan shoot that three, I heard they have to practice really hard

forget to stay at halftime to watch the P-staff dance, They are dancing to my

Meet the guys at the bowling alley for the first time, I am proud of the swim

to be here at 5 IN THE MORNING, Wrestling meet 6:00, I'm excited baseball

Running, jumping or swimming at G.H.S

Some kids are born to be smart, to act, or maybe to sing. Others are born to be all star athletes. There are many sports at G.H.S that students can try out for. Baseball is a sport that many boys love at Griffith. The team is coached by Brian Jennings, English. "I play baseball to win, and when I don't I get really mad," said junior Kyle Najar. Some people would rather be underwater than outside pitching on a hill. The swimmers have to be at the school at 5:45 a.m. for practice and then once more right after school. The swim team this year has a new swim coach who is also a math teacher, Jane Sloan. Also new to coaching the swim team is Betty Hoyle, English, and Jim Saltanovitz, math. The really competitive guys go for more of a contact sport, like football. Here at Griffith football is our main sport. This year we made it all the way to semi-state, losing to Norwell 35-7. Not all sports are just for guys. The athletic girls at our school take interest in volleyball, softball, cheerleading and pantherettes. The volleyball team was 19-16 this year. "We learned a lot from our coach, even though it was her first year," said freshman Amber Wilson. If a volleyball is just too big to handle there is always the softball team, which is willing to play with qualified girls. "I enjoy playing, I like the team bonding and the coaches are nice," said sophomore Abby Metsch. Basketball, golf, tennis, cross country, soccer and track are a few other sports Griffith all-stars can shine in.

Note to Self...
Study for bio so I can play
-Devell Fields 9

Note to Self...
LPD
-Jimmi Nunez 11

Note to Self...
Warm up for the meet
-Olivia Martinez 11

Note to Self...
One, two, three
Pantherettes kick...
-Kaitlyn Gibbs 11



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ASHLEY PETERS

To help get the crowd excited for the game, sophomore Brad Hardin along with other sophomores stand on the bench. "We had a good time pumping up the fans. Good times," said Hardin.



FIRST ROW: Michael Zaberda, Guillermo Hernandez, Trevor Hitt, Patrick McCarthy, Andrew Pribil, Matthew Beck, Kevin Bynum, Alexander Ledford. **SECOND ROW:** Michael Lanfear, Patrick Ruesken, Mark McBounds, Nick Callina, David Vido, Samuel Carter, Adam Mackenthun, David Rutherford, Devell Fields. **THIRD ROW:** Manager Brittany Medley, Manager Caitin McCabe, Matthew Corlet, Montana Kroslack, Brian Albertson, Jason Short, Ethan Adams, Steven Kepchar, Joseph Nunez, Jerry Sharpe, Manager Catherine Drechry, Manager Sarah Kintz. **FOURTH ROW:** Coach Rick Capp, Mark Douglas, Kyle Carter, Cory Stidham, Kyle Watts, Kyle Smith, Nicholas Bancardi, Edward Boncela, Timothy Creighton, Jason Villalpando, Coach Jim Pickett, Coach Christian Laird, Eric Sanders.

WEEKLY RITUALS

MONDAYS: Meetings/running

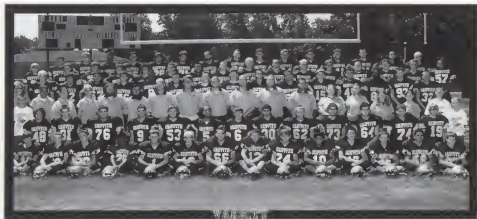
TUESDAYS: Practice/Dinner after

WEDNESDAYS: Festa Nights

THURSDAYS: Bridges/
graveyard/breakdown on the wishbone/tree
back to the school (flip sheds)/breakdown on
the 50 yard line

FRIDAYS: Carry bags around school/
come back @ 4/ listen to music to get
pumped/ run through blow up panther/pump
up crowd and hold up bone in huddle

SATURDAYS: School at 7:30 to watch
films and recap Friday.



FIRST ROW: Adam Mackenthun, Samuel Carter, Nicholas Sharp, Joshua Davis, Nathan Vaughan, Mark Blount, Nick Callina, Rex Cullen, Mark Arndt, Joseph Nunez, Justin Kelley, Nicholas Uchitz, Culermo Hernandez, Matthew Beck. **SECOND ROW:** Ethan Adams, Anthony Solivas, Tyler Walk, Corey Nash, Anthony Zarndt, Michael Barlow, Andy Palanca, Jim Nunez, Zachary Uchitz, Michael Custolis, Michael Tinich, Brenton Strauch, Steven Kepchar. **THIRD ROW:** Justin Jones, Manager Stephanie Negrete, Manager Sara Nashkoff, Manager Elyse Janke, Ted White, Julio Cesero, Jim Pickett, Russ Padkie, Bo Radtke, Pat Janke, Alex Brandon, Melanie Scheeringa, Manager Katherine Kuna, Manager Abby Zarndt, Manager Sarah Kintz. **FOURTH ROW:** Trevor Janke, Riche Popovich, Jorge Castillo, Anthony Conicold, Leonore Cobb, Eric Ritter, Devin Heiler, Alex Little, Trey Bailey. **FIFTH ROW:** Corey Breclaw, Colin Varnele, Edward Boncela, Garrett Graves, Jacob Fitzsimons, Kyle Najar, Kyle Smith, Mark Burkus, Daniel MacFarlane, Zachary Butkus, Gregory Joyce, Jacob Caszakiewicz, Justin Loum, Donald Roach, Loris Smith. **SIXTH ROW:** Zachary Macak, Kyle Dapichs, Brandon Brown, Daniel Woloszyn, Beau Leimbach, Nicholas Bancardi, Benjamin Ceffer, Brad Hardin, Bradley Beeske, Nathan Lehmann, Robbie Buehler, Doug Ashenbaugh, Caleb Westfall, David Alexander, Ryan Calher.

ANDREAN

36-13
W

KOBART

17-28
L

SECTIONALS
MORTON

40-21
W

ANDREAN

26-7
W

WAXMUND

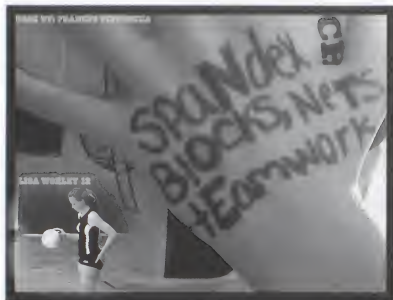
56-20
W

REGIONALS
FRANKFORT

36-6
W

SEMI-STATE
NORWELL

7-35
L



Stacy Sanchez

To turn it up, senior Krista Gildwell's season was hard. She said, "The best was winning sectionals and conference, and competing with such an awesome coach and team." She also said, "Next year I will miss spending time with my teammates and coaches."

"I was getting ready to change positions to be the hitter on the weak side. I am the setter almost all the time. I had a difficult time learning to be the hitter in the front row," says freshman Ali Pietrucha. Pietrucha and Syndey Reis were captains of the freshman team.



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters



Stacy Sanchez



Ashley Peters

Because sophomore Lindsay Brandner is a hitter she had to watch what sophomore Catherine Kus was doing. Brandner said, "I had to be patient and watch the ball come down and make sure I was in the right place to hit it for the spike."

Throughout the season freshmen Kalyrin Ruiz said, "I had the most fun going to tournaments and going out to eat after the Bishop Neill game." Ruiz also said, "My favorite position has to be the outside hitter."



Amarda Uram

Switching with senior Jaquaylann Rarick, senior Elyse Janke has just finished serving. "I switch with Rarick when she gets to the back row. She comes back in for me when I get to the front row."

SCOREBOARD

MERRILL-
VILLE

1-3
L

E.C. CENTRAL

3-0
W

NORTON

2-3
L

N. NEWTON

2-0
W

WASH. TOWN

2-3
L

LOWELL

0-3
L

HANNOH

3-2
W

KV CLASSIC

1-1 3-W

MUNSTER

0-3
L

CLARK

3-0
W

ANDREAN

0-3
L

A NEW SPIN ON THINGS

Volleyball is a game that you normally see people playing on the beach for fun, but here at school it is a very competitive sport. The girls trying out for the volleyball team started out practicing early in the summer. They had open gym starting in the end of May and conditioning starting in June. The girls also had a summer league that they could take part in. The league went to different schools and played little tournaments.

They played these tournaments with three new coaches. The freshmen's new coach was Jen Klapac, who was a coach at Clark since 1996. Junior Varsity's new coach was Sarah Bacan, who coached basketball last year. Varsity's new coach was Cathy Herin, who coached and played in high school. Jen Klapac said, "I wasn't nervous coming to a new school this year. You get a new group of girls each year and you just have to hope that all the personalities on the team mesh together and can work well together. That is so important to a team."

"The highlight of the year would have to be the Valpo tournament. It was the first time the girls were put in a tournament position. They ended up winning the whole tournament. And Valpo was really good so it meant a lot to the team to win it and do as well as they did, Klapac continued."

Senior Ashley O'Conner said, "The highlight of the season was winning sectionals. We had a lot of hard teams to play and we did good. Before sectionals our team was in a tournament and it was with really hard teams especially Merrillville. We ended up winning, but that was a really good game." O'Conner has been playing since fifth grade. She was the libero, the player that can go in and out of the rotation without a formal substitution.

O'Conner also said, "I will miss all of my friends next year. I have gotten so close to the girls from freshmen year until now. I will also miss the coach. She was so fun and a good coach."

Sophomore Caitlin Stevens shares the same opinion as O'Conner. Stevens said, "I am really excited for next year to be on varsity and have Herring coach me." The varsity team was 19-6 this season. They hope to do better next season and also to win their sectionals again.

WHO PLAYS WHAT POSITION?

1. Shelby Boilek, 10
 2. Samantha Mansanarez, 11
 3. Kara Buchholz, 9
- A. Weak side hitter
B. Front row
C. Defensive specialist

Answers: 1B 2A 3C



ROW 1 Alyssa Van Horssen, Ali Pietrucha, Coach Jen Klapac, Kara Kessey, Sydney Reis **ROW 2** Melissa Moisant, Kalynn Ruiz, Kara Buchholz, Amanda Valterra



ROW 1 Ashley Rodgers, Amanda Zaborowski, Coach Sarah Bacan, Alyse Van Horssen, Shelby Boilek **ROW 2** Catherine Kus, Amber Wilson, Lindsay Brandner, Gabnelle Leimbach, Amanda Koleski, Caitlin Stevens



ROW 1 Coach Herin, Lisa Worley, Katie Kaiser, Elyse Janke, Jackie Delgado **ROW 2** Elise Garcia, Amanda Tharp, Krsta Gildewell, Alexis Gonzalez **ROW 3** Nicole Koleski, Caitlin Moisant, Samantha Mansanarez, Ashley O'Conner, Jaquaylann Ranck

ROBERT

CHS INVITE

3-1

W

BISHOP NOLL

1-3

L

WHITING

3-2

W

S.B CLAY

1-3

L

CAVIT

3-0

W

HIGHLAND

0-3

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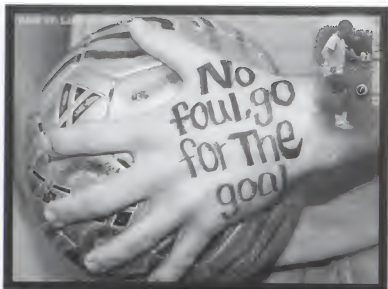


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FIRST ROW: Matthew Plawecki, Zoran Kviric, Joseph Greichunos, Matthew Currola, Zachary Duvnjak **SECOND ROW:** Daniel Rukes, Zachary Koch, Casey Colby, Andrew Wright, Peter Lewis, Nicholas Sellers, Steven Sikos **THIRD ROW:** Coach Carl Koch, Adam Gasper, Sean Hansen, Miles Hall, Jeffrey Melton, Jeffrey Reyna, Coach Ron Knestrict



FRONT ROW: Shawn Sikos, Jacob Long, Mohammad Amara, Nicholas Bobowski, Zachary Kisfalusi **SECOND ROW:** Nick Caydos, Justin Gasper, Ryan Voges, Danny Torok, Matthew Plawecki, Timothy Schell, John Kantor **THIRD ROW:** Brandon Rukes, Nikola Pupac, Coach Koch, Kyle Terpstra, Joshua Chavez



While getting ready for practice, senior Miles Hall puts on his shoes. "I had really cool shoes this year because they had no shoelaces. I recommend them to anyone in the future," said Hall.

Freshman Shawn Sikos tries hard to gain control of the ball during one of the JV soccer games. "I think that our team will be really good in the next couple years," said Sikos.

PRE-GAME RITUALS

CASEY COLBY, 12

"I run in a semi-circle to my spot on the field. Then I crouch down, pray, and pick up some grass and throw it in the air."

MATTHEW CURROLA, 12

"Zoran and I do a special handshake before each game."



SCOREBOARD

KANKAKEE
VALLEY
8-0 W

HAMMOND
4-0 W

HOBART
1-0 W

CHESTERTON
1-3 L

KANKAKEE
12-3 W

GAFF
12-0 W

CLARK
4-0 W

I had a lot of fun being the goalie. I hope that my apprentice, Danny Torok (sophomore), does a good job next year," said senior Joe Greichunos. Greichunos played soccer at CHS all four years.



Amanda Uram

PUT IT IN THEIR... GOAL

This year's boys' soccer team started the season on the right foot. The first game was at home against Hammond High, whom the boys shut out 4-0. At the next game, Griffith was victorious, and the players had high hopes for the rest of the season. After the first five games, the varsity team had a record of 4-1.

Not only was the varsity team doing a great job, but the JV team started their season off well also. However, they did have a few obstacles to overcome. "At first the team didn't get along. It took some time for us to adjust," said junior Kenneth Kurpela.

More than likely, the biggest game of the entire regular season for the players was their game at Highland High School on Tuesday, September 5th. Whoever won the game would earn the title of conference champions. This is an accomplishment that no Griffith boys' soccer team has had since the 1997 season.

When the clock ran out, the score was tied 1-1. Many soccer games end in a tie; however, the fact that this game had more at stake forced the teams to go into overtime. After the time on the clock was up again, a shoot-out occurred to determine the winner of the title. Unfortunately, Griffith lost, but it was a close and exciting game for everyone in the stands, as well as on the field. "It was a really good game. Both teams were equally matched," said junior Jeffrey Reyna.

"I think that that game killed our morale for the rest of the season because it was our biggest rival. Losing it in a penalty shoot-out kills your spirit. Penalty kick shoot-outs are no way to end a game. They don't show who the better team is. It only proves who can guess correctly," said senior Andrew Wright.

Another big night for some of the players was senior night. Before the game started, the boys walked out with their family and friends and gave a short speech in order to commemorate their last few years playing the game they love. "Senior night was amazing. We came from behind with two non-seniors and Sean Hansen (senior) scoring. Afterwards, we got a free dinner and a ride in an Excursion limo. It was awesome," said Wright. Unfortunately, the boys had an early exit from sectionals, losing in the first round to Merrillville 4-3.



Amanda Uram

While practicing after school, senior Casey Colby said, "My senior year was a lot of fun. A lot of stuff happened at practice that I will never forget." The boys varsity soccer team practiced every day after school.

Waiting for names to be announced before a game, junior Tim Schell said, "Our season went better than I thought it would. The highlight of our season was beating Lake Central," said Schell.



Amanda Uram



Stacy Sanchez

HIGHLAND
2-3 L

MORTON
6-1 W

LAKE
CENTRAL
2-0 L

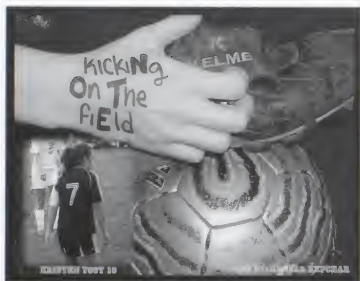
BISHOP NOLL
0-1 L

LAFORTE
2-0 W

MUNSTER
2-0 L

WHEELER
3-2 W

ANDREAN
1-3 L



ROW 1: Coach Don Curtis, Samantha Holmes, Brandi Heidler, Coach Ric Gonzalez, Megan Swanson, Shaniynn Bias, Colleen Veechey **ROW 2:** Sara McInerney, Amanda Uram, Bailey Curtis, Christina Kireta, Kellie Bubala **ROW 3:** Erika Aldape, Lauren Hansen, Cathy Rudzinski, Kristen Vost, Meghan Macak



ROW 1: Coach Ric Gonzalez, Raquel Mazur, Lindsay Meece, Colleen Veechey, Rachel Cooper, Erica Kudyba, Coach Don Curtis **ROW 2:** Priscilla Sepulveda, Cassie Bailey, Kaitlyn Sudac, Talia McKinstry, Andrea Mullens **ROW 3:** Stephanie Hobbs, Carissa Quintero, Teresa Castellanos



Stacy Sanchez

As the team practices, sophomore Alexa Dragon practices controlling the ball and improving her stamina. "It took a lot of commitment and my whole summer," said Dragon. "It was hard but really fun."

Once a goal is scored, senior Amanda Uram and sophomore Brandi Heidler celebrate their victory by hugging each other on the field. "That was the most I've ever been excited at Sectionals," said Uram.



Ashley Peters



Stacy Sanchez

"Kicking the ball with [Meghan] Macak and missing it was hilarious," said Junior Erika Aldape. "That has got to be the greatest thing that has ever happened to me in soccer." This is the third year for Aldape.

Before the whistle blows to start the game, the team players discuss their plan of strategy to take on their opponent. Junior Cathy Rudzinski, sophomore Brandi Heidler, and freshman Lauren Hansen think critically.

SCOREBOARD

KANKAKEE VALLEY
2-0 L

CROWN POINT
0-6 L

HAMMOND
9-0 W

BOONE GROVE
9-4 W

MORTON
6-3 W

CHESTERTON
1-3 L

CAVITY
14-0 W

HIGHLAND
0-3 L

BALLIN' ON THE FIELD

Running, passing, and communication are the common things you would find in a soccer game. A game of soccer is played in many countries and is called many names. All in all, it has the same original rules.

In a game of soccer, there are eleven players from both teams on the field. The object of the game is to score as many goals in the other team's net as possible without using your hands before ninety minutes. Many people enjoy this sport and take part in it whether it is professional or for the high school team.

"It was really awesome," said sophomore Andrea Mullens. "The newcomers (freshmen) made the season more fun and funny." Mullens has been on Griffith High School's soccer team for two years.

As freshman enter to play soccer for high school, they have had a blast during the fall season.

"Sectionals was definitely my favorite part of playing soccer," says freshman player Lauren Hansen. "The game against Hobart was just intense." Hansen wishes to continue her career in soccer through high school.

Aside from the games, practices and conditioning had to take place over the summer.

"The morning practices were not great," said Mullens. "That pretty much took my whole entire summer away and made me mad." The morning practices and conditioning helped the players improve their stamina, speed, skill, and endurance. The tryouts are a test to see who can prove to the coaches which person is best for the varsity team. A junior varsity team was also included during the season.

"Overall, I thought both teams rocked, but JV was really awesome," said freshman Raquel Mazur. "The season went really well and I really enjoyed playing for the high school. Seeing the boys come out and cheer for us sometimes was really cool, too. It showed us that they cared and supported us the whole time even at Sectionals."

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART IN PLAYING SOCCER?

"My favorite part was when [Meghan] Macak fell and no one was by her."
-Lauren Hansen, 9

"The newcomers made practices more exciting by being real hilarious."
-Andrea Mullens, 10



Stacy Sanchez

Having much support for the girls' soccer team, the boys' soccer team attend Sectionals against Hobart and cheer on the girls. "We're love to support the girls team," said freshman Nicholas Bobowski

HEBORN
6-0 W

ANDREAN
3-5 L

MERRILL
VILLE
1-3 L

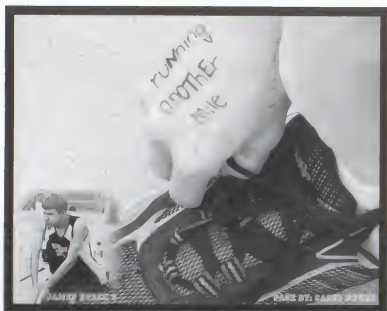
HOBART
0-1 L

MUNSTER
1-3 L

E.C. CENTRAL
6-1 W

WHEELER
2-0 W

LOWELL
NO GAME



Stacy Sanchez

"It gets me in shape and you get to meet cool new people at the meets," said junior Angela Kepchar about competing in cross country. This was Kepchar's first year on the cross country team.



Stacy Sanchez



Stacy Sanchez



FIRST ROW: Gabriel Muro, Michael Moses, Mark Miecznikowski, Jacob Anderson, Angela Kspchar, Anne Scheffel **SECOND ROW:** Michael Beck, Michael Cummins, Coach Mike Worocz, Chris Bartley, Jenna Jones



SCOREBOARD

ANDREAN
INVITE
INCOMPLETE

DAVIT
INVITE
INCOMPLETE

LAC QUAD @
HIGHLAND
INCOMPLETE

LAC QUAD @
ORP
INCOMPLETE

BOB THOMAS
INVITE
INCOMPLETE

LAC QUAD @
WHEELER



Stacy Sanchez



Ashley Peters

Taking the necessary amount of time to stretch before the meet, sophomore Michael Beck prepares to run. Beck, who has been on the team two years, says he stretches "to stretch out all of the muscles I use."

First-time freshman cross country runner Jacob Anderson takes in a deep breath as he concentrates on finishing the run. "I use it (cross country) to help get ready for other sports I'm in," said Anderson.

THE LIFE OF RUNNERS

Imagine having to wake up around five o'clock to get to the school on time to start the morning with a run. For most students, it is difficult to get up for school at eight o'clock. Cross country team members had to be at practice at five thirty every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school.

"They (practices) were hard to finish because they were so tiring," said sophomore Katie Lesniewski.

To prepare for a cross country meet, the team would run a thousand yards five or six times, run in Highland or along Colfax Street in Griffith, or run 400s and 800s. The team would also run an "Indian run" where everyone is in a straight line and the last person sprints to the front of the line. Junior Angela Kepchar's least favorite parts of practices were "running over five miles and having practices before school."

After putting in hours of practice, the team then competes in a meet. Everyone on the team has a different way to prepare for the long run.

Lesniewski said, "I stretch and drink a lot of water." Before a meet, Kepchar said she listens to music to get pumped and eats Fruit Loops. Other teammates freshmen James Burch and Jacob Anderson also stretch and eat a lot to get prepared.

Home cross country meets took place in Oakridge Prairie on Tuesdays or Saturdays. A course would be previously set up for the runners through trails, up the hill, or around the lake. The girls' total running distance was 2.3 miles, while the boys ran a total of 3.1 miles. At a regular meet, about four schools are competing against each other. At an invite, however, at least ten schools come to run.

After a meet, it is time to relax. "If I beat my time from the last meet I feel awesome, but otherwise I feel sick and start hurting a little bit," said Kepchar.

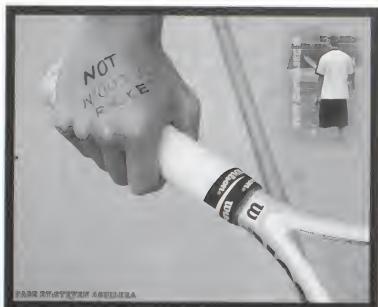
Cross country is a great sport to stay in shape. Burch said, "I use it (cross country) as a sport to help stay in shape for the other sports I play."

Also, cross country can help provide relaxation. "It's an outlet to burn stress and it gets me out of my house," said Lesniewski.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CROSS COUNTRY?

1. Where did cross country originate?
2. In what season is cross country during?
3. What year was cross country introduced to the United States?
4. How many runners are on a cross country team?

Answers: 1. England 2. Fall 3. 1878 4. Five to nine



FIRST ROW: David Konopasek, Matthew Kuna, John Reyna, Curt Konopasek, Kevin Konopasek **SECOND ROW:** Stephen Bakko, Coach Tracy Sines, William Frets

To get a bit of energy back from a tiring practice, senior John Reyna takes a quick breather so he can keep playing. "My first year was good, but I wish the season would've gone better," said Reyna

Seemingly hardworking and dedicated, senior David Konopasek runs to hit the ball to stop himself from losing the match. "The season didn't really go as planned but my partner and I did well," said Konopasek



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters



Stacy Sanchez



Because there is a bit of free time, seniors William Frets and David Konopasek talk for a quick moment. "We talk about what we need to change and what needs to be different," said Fret.

SCOREBOARD

WHEELER
0-5 L

PORTAGE
2-3 L

LAKE
STATION
4-0 W

CALUMET
CANCELLED

NORTON
3-2 W

CLARK
CANCELLED

KANKAKEE
VALLEY
2-3 L

SERVING UP A SEASON

After a rocky start in the beginning of the season, with a 0-5 loss against Wheeler and a 2-3 loss against Portage, the Griffith boys tennis team really showed their true colors. They came with wins against Lake Station, Morton, Andean, and Bishop Noll. They would later take first place in the Lake Station Invitational. The boys tennis team really worked hard this year, and who knows what they will have in store for us next year.

Believe it or not, the tennis team only has eight people, not including the very dedicated coach, Tracy Sines. The team consists of seniors David Konopasek, Matthew Kuna, Will Frets, John Reyna, Curt Konopasek, Juniors Michael Zajac, Stephen Bakko; and last but not least, sophomore Kevin Konopasek. The guys get along pretty well and they all like to help their teammates in whatever way they need. "When someone gets frustrated, we'll just try to calm them down or we'll help each other practice by playing each other," said Zajac.

When it comes to future goals, almost the entire team said the same thing, "Win Sectionals!" Although there was one person who made a kind of different statement. "Next year I would like to go undefeated, get more serves, and have a better overall record," said (Kevin) Konopasek. The team's morale seems to be growing, but it may be hard to keep it up when you think about the graduating players.

The seniors are all sad to go, but will always remember this incredible tennis season. Even though they will not be able to suit up and play next year, that doesn't mean they don't have some last bit of advice for the teammates they will be leaving behind. "Just get out and play. Be active, especially over summer. Be sure to practice a lot. Don't just come in next season and expect to be good if you haven't even been practicing," said Kuna.

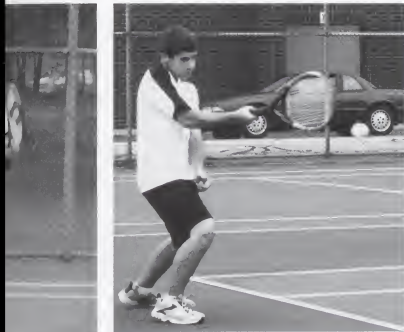
They really do wish well for next year's team. "I really hope that they will win next year sectionals. That would be cool," said Frets.

Senior John Reyna's hopes are just a little bit different. "I just hope that they get enough people to form a team next year," said Reyna.

Even though the tennis team is losing some great players, they are still left with a few good players. There is bound to be even more talented players with the incoming freshman class. Let's just hope that the team can meet every goal they set and beat every team in their path. Either way, the future is looking bright and the team looks promising.



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters

Ashley Peters

Hitting the ball at tennis practice, junior Michael Zajac shows his dedication to the team and the game by practicing tirelessly. "Tennis is a good sport to play because you get to relax and have fun," said Zajac.

GETTING TO KNOW STEPHEN BAKKO

WHY DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY TENNIS?
Bakko: "Because I'm good at it and it's something I can do the rest of my life."

SINCE NEXT YEAR WILL BE YOUR SENIOR YEAR, WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE?

Bakko: "I'd like to see the team win sectionals and I'd like to individually win sectionals."

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN PLAYING TENNIS?

Bakko: "I started playing tennis about two years ago. My dad played tennis and he got me into it."



HIGHLAND
2-3 L

LOWELL
0-5 L

LAKE
STATION
INVITE
1ST

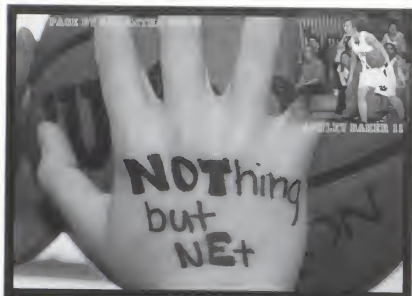
RIVER
FOREST
CANCELLED

MUNSTER
0-5 L

ANDREAN
3-2 W

HOBART
2-3 L

BISHOP NOLL
4-1 W



David Kujawa

Diving for the ball, senior Ashley Baker takes one for the Lady Panthers. "I liked this season a lot more than all the others, but I'm going to be sad now that it's over," said Baker.

As the ball is shot by junior Brittany Tinnin the crowd was silent in anticipation. "The best part of the season was when we played Hammond High in sectionals and I got to guard Denita Phelps," said Tinnin.

Waiting for the game to begin are juniors Keri Markut and Amanda Crook strategize on techniques. "The best part of this year was when we made T-shirts together and just hungout as a team," said Markut.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

TAKING IT TO THE HOOP

Preseason predictions did not shed a favorable light on the fate of the Griffith Lady Panthers. The upcoming basketball season, however, the Lady Panthers had a prediction of their own.

Returning seniors: Molly Orzechowicz, Ashley Baker, Alana Massa, and Megan Swanson brought leadership and a winning attitude to the team. That combined with significant contributions from junior Brittany Tinnin, freshman Lauren Hansen and Shanlynn Bias. The Lady Panthers had a combination for a successful winning season.

Finding that winning chemistry, though, did not come easy. Pasta dinners, team sleep overs and team meetings laid the groundwork to bring the team closer together. "It took several games and practices for all of us to get to know each other and make things click. Once it did we tied the team record with a seven game winning streak," said freshmen, Shanlynn Bias.

The girls played all out physically and hard, slowly improving their record and their reputations. The newspaper rankings soon had the Panthers in the top ten, where they knew they belonged. They were serious conference contenders. They battled the top ranked teams, giving them a run for their money. They had Andrean on their heels both of the games they played until their shots started falling and the calls kept going in favor of those Fifty-Niners. Though they lost both games, the Lady Panthers showed they were better than what people thought of them.

Senior night came and went with floods of emotion. The last big moments for these Lady Panthers were sectionals. They battled Calumet in the first sectional game and came out of the fight with a win. The next game the Lady Panthers faced their sectional nemesis, Hammond High. The last two years Hammond High squashed Griffith's hope of playing in the sectional championship. The Lady Panthers came out strongly, but unfortunately they fell short at the end of the game. The Lady Panthers still did well this season. They ended up doing better than last years team.

"Loosing all the seniors is going to be tough for our upcoming season next year, but I'm ready for the challenge. The seniors will be greatly missed," said sophomore Brandi Heidler.

FAST FACTS

- *TIED THE SCHOOL RECORD WITH WINNING SEVEN GAMES IN A ROW
- *ASHLEY BAKER MADE THE SECTIONAL TEAM
- *ENDED THE SEASON SECOND IN STATE FOR DEFENSE
- *MOLLY ORZECZOWICZ WAS THE PLAYER OF THE GAME FOR THE FIRST SECTIONAL GAME AGAINST CALUMET
- *ASHLEY BAKER LOST 10 LBS. DURING BASKETBALL SEASON

SCOREBOARD
WHEELER

20-36
L

RIVER
FOREST

52-16
W

HAMMOND

30-30
W

SAVIT

44-14
W

KANKAKEE

VALLEY
41-39
W

HEBRON

44-41
W

MUNSTER

36-48
L

HOBART

41-36
W

BISHOP NOLL

42-30
W

LEW

WALLACE
52-19
W



David Kujawa

Taking a rebound shot after a foul is freshman Shariynn Bias. "My favorite game was when we played Andean during the regular season because we were really pumped up and we had a good time," said Bias.

As the team warms up, senior Molly Orzechowicz takes a few shots for practice. "Last year was fun because I liked doing movie lines at practice and I'm sad it's over," said Orzechowicz.



David Kujawa



FIRST ROW: Molly Orzechowicz, Lauren Hansen, Amanda Shinnitt, Ken Markut, Anne Hernandez, Amanda Crook, Manager Justin Jones, **SECOND ROW:** Brittany Tinnin, Ashley Baker, Stephanie Negrete, Shariynn Bias, Amanda Crook, Manager Justin Jones, **THIRD ROW:** Coach Sherm Mendoza, Coach Tony Scheub, Brandi Helder, Megan Swanson, Alana Massa, Coach Tom Columbeck, Coach Sara Bacan



FIRST ROW: Ken Markut, Amanda Crook, Kelle Bibala, Abby Metsch, Amanda Shinnitt, Cassia Quintero, **SECOND ROW:** Manager David Milk, Stephanie Negrete, Coach Sara Bacan, Britney Cabrales, Manager Justin Jones



FIRST ROW: Sydney Reis, Amber Crook, Angelina Ojeda, Yakee Lomax, Ashley Darrough, **SECOND ROW:** Rachel Cooper, Kelsey Hitt, Coach Sherm Mendoza, Shavonna Simmons, Alyssa Van Horssen

37-21 W	NORTON 47-34 W	CALUMET 40-34 W	RENSSELAER CENTRAL 36-41 L	WETTING 46-40 W	ANDEAN 42-46 L	HIGHLAND 47-36 L	CLARK 61-16 W	SECTIONALS CALUMET 62-49 W	HAMMOND HIGH 40-46 L
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David Kusawa

Relieving a pass, junior Desmond Neylon works hard during the team's warm-up so he can help win the game. "Even though we were underachieved," said Neylon, "It's still my favorite sport to play."

"We worked hard as a team and together we worked harder to get to our goals," said freshman Jackson Buzea. Working together can definitely prove that these boys will not stop at nothing to try and win.



David Kusawa

BALLIN' ON THE COURT

Everyone knows that teamwork is the key to winning. That is why our school's basketball team is real good when it comes to teamwork. They win as a team as well as lose as a team. They all play as a team. Even though there are three teams for basketball, the boys all come through and support each other through each game. These three teams consist of freshman, junior varsity, and varsity boys basketball.

"Overall, the season went alright," said senior Nicholas Doell. "There were times where we could've won, but we did good." Doell has been playing basketball for ten years and four years for Griffith High School. He is currently on the varsity team.

"We had a lot of fun during the season," said freshman Steven Kepchar, "but we never won a lot of games though." This is Kepchar's first year of playing basketball for Griffith. He is on the freshman basketball team.

When it comes to the younger players, these boys look up to the upperclassmen to prepare themselves to make varsity next year. "I'm going to try-out again next year," said freshman Kyle Carter, "and then I'll make varsity." This is Carter's first year on the basketball team.

However, the sectionals game was not expected as the boys wanted it to be. Practices were tougher and longer for the boys for the big game.

Doell said, "We had to do a lot of drills like layups, dribbling, passing, the works. Then, we got to scrimmage against each other." Although when the loss of sectionals occurred, it would not bring the team down in spirit.

"We played our hardest and we all had a good season," said Doell. "Hopefully the boys on the team next year will win sectionals because we're cool like that."

"We did okay, but not as well as we thought we would," said junior Douglas Ashenbaugh. Being on the varsity team has taught Ashenbaugh how to be a better player and also knows what to expect next year while playing on the basketball court.

BASKETBALL FACTS

THE HOOPS WERE
FIRST MADE OF
PEACH BASKETS

MICHAEL JORDAN
SCORED MORE
POINTS THAN ANY
OTHER PLAYER
(5987 POINTS)

SHAQUILLE O'NEAL
WAS 6 FT. 6 IN. TALL
WHEN HE WAS 13
YEARS OLD

BASKETBALL IS A
POPULAR SPORT IN
AUSTRALIA

SCOREBOARD

WHEELER
50-71 L

SB WASHING-
TON
52-68 L

HAMMOND
57-77 L

CAVITY
43-69L

KAKAKEE
VALLEY
74-71 W

HEBRON
36-49 L

MUNSTER
56-100 L

NOBART
42-71 L

BISHOP NOLL
55-73 L



DAVID KUGAWA

Shooting a free throw in the Bishop Noll varsity game at home, junior Doug Ashenbaugh ended up scoring 24 points that night. "It was my first big career game," Ashenbaugh said.

When the team gathers together for a team meeting, freshman Kyle Carter gives advice on what to do to accomplish their goals. "The team had a lot of fun, but we didn't really win a lot of games," said Carter.



DAVID KUGAWA



FIRST ROW: Jackson Buzea, Jacob Fitzsimons, Nick Trauscht, John Evanich, Jeffrey Reyna, Nicholas Doell **SECOND ROW:** Kara Buchholz, Aaron Salczynski, Allen McClendon, Matthew Kuna, Nathan Lehmann, Douglas Ashenbaugh, Naomi Lyles



FIRST ROW: Desmond Neylon, Tim Malewicki, Adam Baltrusis, Travis Litke, Mark McBounds **SECOND ROW:** Bryon Hill, Peter Sepulveda, Gregory Joyce, Trey Bailey, Patrick Irwin **THIRD ROW:** Kara Buchholz, Brian Brimyer, Brad Hardin, Ryan Galtier, Naomi Lyles



FIRST ROW: Britney Hill, Timothy Rutherford, Jamie Freeman, Brandon Baker, DeAndria Robinson **SECOND ROW:** Steven Kepchar, Gregory Chandler, Jimmy Purvis, Joseph Nunez, Nicholas Kowalski **THIRD ROW:** Kyle Carter, Kyle Terpstra, Kyle Smith, Alex Brandon, Omar Kelly, Gregory Myers, Michael Lanfear

CROWN
POINT
32-63 L

LOWELL
37-60 L

MORTON
42-55 L

CALUMET
39-66 L

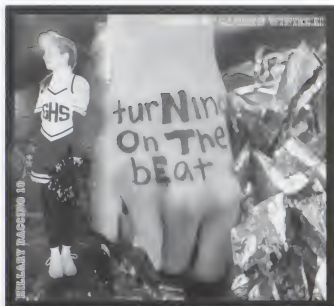
LAKE
STATION
64-46 W

WHITING
62-32 W

ANDREAN
29-67 L

HIGHLAND
53-60 W

CLARK
53-60 L



David Kujawa and Ashley Peters

AN UNEXPECTED YEAR

Although they have been tossed and turned from coach to coach, the Pantherettes have ended their season rather well. This year the squad contained 19 girls. All of the girls began to take a technique class at a dance center in Dyer, which helped them all improve drastically.

The beginning of the year was a little rough due to all of the coaching issues, but after Chrisanne Walter, guidance, took over the squad began to perform and compete better than ever before.

"I think that our team has improved so much due to having a great coach, and taking classes at M2," said junior Kelley Cloghessy. "The worst part of pantherettes is during competition season because we have practice everyday and you get a little sick of being with the same 19 girls," said Cloghessy.

"My first year was fun, but also challenging at times," said sophomore Hillary Baccino. "My favorite part of the year was going to competitions, because that is what we have worked so hard for," said Baccino.

The pantherettes competed and took first in competitions located at Grimmer Middle School and Lake Central High School. They then traveled to Crawfordsville, Indiana for their Regional Competition, which they then won the title of Regional Champions. The Pantherettes then headed to Indianapolis to compete for the State Title.

"I expected us to do very well at state because we had been working really hard at our routine," said junior Brittany Evanich. "I was really confident in my team because our scores had been improving each competition, and we have made little changes that made a big difference in our routine," said Evanich.

The pantherettes finished their season with taking 2nd at state. During the competition season, the Pantherettes practice seven days a week, for up to three hours at a time. For some this is very hard, but all 19 girls participate and do the best they can to be at practice on time. "Practices can be very stressful and it is a lot of hard work but it is worth it in the end," said junior Kelley Cloghessy. "There are times where you want to just quit, but you keep going for your squad because we are all working toward the same goal," said Cloghessy.

"I think the whole squad loves to be out there performing, and for myself that is the best part," said Cloghessy.

At the Lake Central regionals, the girls stand on the court before their music starts. "That was our best performance of the competition dance of the whole year," said junior Miranda Pope.



Stacy Sanchez

With pom in hand, juniors Brooke Miller and Kelley Cloghessy perform their competition dance at an invitational. "During competitions our routine goes by so fast," said junior Brooke Miller.

"I like dancing for football games because the crowd gets so involved and it makes it fun to perform," said junior Kelley Cloghessy. The girls were walking onto the football field before their half time performance.



Ashley Peters





Stacy Sanchez



Nancy Peters

Kicking toward the sky, the Pantherettes show one of their many routines for the football season. The girls took turns making the routines for the games.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PANTHERETTE PERFORMANCE?

"COMPETITION FOR SURE, BECAUSE YOUR TEAM HAS IMPROVED AND THAT DANCE LOOKED AWESOME" -RYAN MAJAK II

"FIREBALLS BECAUSE IT WAS SO CUTE AND I REALLY LIKE THE SONG" -JESSICA BITTER 2

"I LIKED THE ROUTINE AT HOMECOMING TO THE SONG 'I'M COMING UNDONE WITH IT'" -TRISTY BOKHNEBT 12

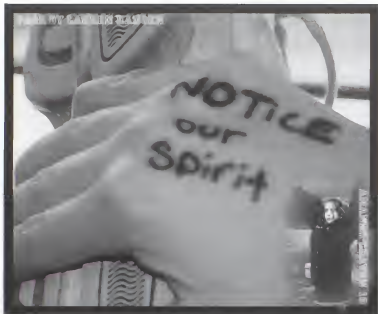


Stacy Sanchez



FIRST ROW: Miranda Pope, Ryan Berry, Kelly Redden, Amy Miles, Jessica Phillips **SECOND ROW:** Brooke Miller, Alexis Hartman, Katlyn Gibbs, Kathryn Calambos, Brittany Evanch, Lauren Winiecki **THIRD ROW:** Hillary Baccino, Mia Reitz, Rebecca Frankler, Aimee Johnson, Morgan Morniclovich, Kier Brinkley, Kelley Cloghessy, Katie Mitchell

Anticipating the first sound of the music, the pantherettes prepare to perform their routine at state "I was thinking that it was my last performance and I felt confident," said senior Ryan Berry



CHEERING ON OUR TEAMS

As the year-round sport began, the cheerleaders practiced through the summer getting ready for football season. The girls did not actually receive a coach until the end of the summer. The year was a first for many new changes.

This year the freshman and junior varsity cheerleaders were moved up to the varsity squad. Another new addition to this year was their new coach Melanie Scheeringa. "(Cheerleading) Wasn't what I expected because over the summer I wish we would of had a coach and went to camp to become a better squad and bond," said sophomore Chrissy Obermeyer.

Another change was that the cheerleaders used to competition for the first time in years. The girls were not sure what to expect, but learned a lot from the experience. With the squad being a greater number of girls, they had good bonding, which brought them together for the year ahead of them.

The cheerleaders went to competition at Fort Wayne Dwenger High School as their first and only competition in years. The girls were not really sure what to expect, because most of them had never been to a competition before.

Also competing in the individuals section, senior Amber Detmar had to make up her own routine with tumbling, dancing, and cheers. "It was fun to try something new but I was pretty nervous," said Detmar.

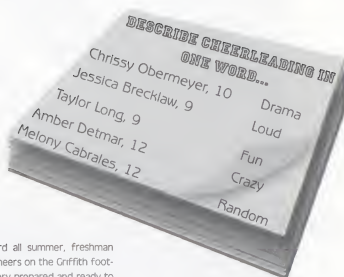
To some, the other squads were intimidating, but to others it was all about confidence. "Competition was my favorite part of cheerleading, even though we lost," said freshmen Jessica Breclaw. As their first competition did not end in success, the girls still had a good time.

The girls had a few great memories from the year. "Almost making it to state in football was the best part, because it's fun cheering for a winning team," said junior Lauren Pollard. Competing was another great memory that the girls will never forget. Some of the girls favorite part was cheering on varsity for their first year. With the new addition, the freshmen girls did not have to cheer for away freshman football or basketball games. The year turned out to be one to never forget for the hard working, spirited girls.



Rarely seen without smiles on their faces, the varsity cheerleading squad lines up for another great night for cheer. "Cheerleading was fun this year because I meet new people," said freshman Taylor Long.

Freshman Sara Popovich cheers on her high school football team on a late Friday night. "My first football game was really fun. I have been practicing all summer, so I wasn't really nervous," said Popovich.



After working hard all summer, freshman Jessica Brecklaw cheers on the Griffith football team. "I was very prepared and ready to cheer at my first football game. The summer working was worth it," said Brecklaw.



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters

"I enjoyed being the Panther a lot, except that sometimes it gets really hot inside the suite," said senior Kyle Palinca. Palinca boosts up the crowds spirit at a Friday night football game.

Flip after flip, senior Amber Detmar upgrades the cheers and puts a boost of spirit into the heart of the fans. "I have been tumbling for twelve years now. Tumbling means a lot to me," said Detmar.



FRONT ROW: Kelly Staszak, Melony Cabrales **SECOND ROW:** Lauren Pollard, Sheila Szo, Kayla Aguilera **THIRD ROW:** Christine Obermeyer, Kate Miller, Amanda Craven **FOURTH ROW:** Casey Nunez, Taylor Long, Jessica Brecklaw, Sara Popovich, Shannon Carpenter, Christy Leal



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David Kuba



Olivia Barlow

With pool stick in hand, freshman Anthony Scalzitti takes his turn in a game of pool with his bowling teammates. "My favorite match was definitely state because it was really intense," said Scalzitti.



Photo: provided



Josh Long

Celebrating their regional championship plaque the boys are overjoyed. "Playing Clark at regionals was the best because they're one of our rivals and we beat them by a lot," said sophomore Kyle Lidster.



FIRST ROW Jose Caseros, Andrew Thomas, Ryan McCoy, Kyle Lidster, Brian Clark **SECOND ROW** Coach Rick Woloszyn, Justin Hauser, Michael Kuba Jr., Dominic Scalzitti, Anthony Scalzitti, Daniel Woloszyn, Justin Phillips, Coach Michael Kuba Sr.

CALUMET

9-1
W

TODAY

6-2
W

LAKE

8-1
W

STATION

8-1
W

HIGHLAND

6-4, 7-3, 7-3
W

RIVER

7-3
W

FOREST

7-3
W

DIXON NOLL

6-2, 6-2
W

WHEELER

10-0
W

CONFERENCE

CHAMPS

REGIONAL

CHAMPS

REGIONAL

CHAMPS

STATE

4TH PLACE

STATE

CHAMPS

BOYS' BOWLING SCORES

THE LANE LINGO

-TURKEY- THREE OR MORE STRIKES IN A ROW

-OPEN FRAME- ANYTHING BUT A STRIKE OR A SPARE FOR A FRAME

-SPLIT- WHEN TWO OR THREE PINS ARE ON TWO DIFFERENT ENDS OF THE LANE

-BAKER GAME- WHEN THE FIVE STARTERS TAKE TURNS AND ALL BOWL ONE GAME TOGETHER (EACH ONE GETS TWO FRAMES)

"It was pretty cool that I was able to compete in the state competition because I'm a freshman and at the beginning of the year, I wasn't a starter," said freshman Ryan McCoy. The competition was held in Anderson.

ROLLING OVER THE COMPETITION

This was a successful year for GHS bowling. Both the girls and boys won conference, were undefeated in their regular season, sectional champions, and competed in regionals. Unfortunately, the girls missed semi-state. They placed fifth, while only the top four teams were able to advance. "Winning sectionals was the best. I was actually a part of the win instead of just sitting on the sidelines," said senior Kristyn Maynard.

However, the boys defeated Clark and Crown Point to earn themselves a regional championship. After that, they placed fourth at semi-state and moved on to the state competition. That day started off on the right foot when the team broke the record for the highest game score for the season in the state with a score of 1199. A little later on, they shot the first ever baker 300 game in state competition. By the end of the tournament, the boys were state champions with their win over Brownsburg 436-382.

This success was not expected by the everyone. Sophomore Kyle Lidster said, "I was surprised because last year we got off to a rough start. We let our nerves get to us and did not make it out of sectionals."

However, junior Justin Hauser said, "I knew that it was coming all along. All we needed was a little maturity."

One special thing about bowling is that the teams compete together. At every match, girls and boys are in the same place competing against the same teams at the same time. "I like the fact that everyone is together. I get a lot more pumped when the whole team is there," said senior Tiffany Lidster, captain of the girls' team.

Also, since bowling is not yet considered an official sport, the coaches are volunteers and three of them are parents of team members. Rick Woloszyn, Mike Kubacki Sr., and Colleen Lidster are all part of the coaching staff. However, this does not bother the students at all. "It is great because my dad is a great bowler. Although sometimes it is hard because if he yells at me during bowling, I am still mad at him when we get home," said senior Daniel Woloszyn, captain of the boys' team.

This is only the second year that GHS has had a bowling team, yet the program already has a state championship.



Olivia Barlow



Olivia Barlow



OUTLINE PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW Kirsten Rex, Shelby Higgins, Michelle Plucinski, Codie Olar **SECOND ROW** Coach Lenora Victor, Amanda Koleski, Nicole Koleski, Alexis Ceperich, Kristyn Maynard, Tiffany Lidster, Coach Colleen Lidster

CALUMNET	9-1	W	HOBART	9-1	W	LAKE STATION	9-2,10-0	W	HIGHLAND	8-6(TIE)	W	RIVER FOREST	9-2,6-4	W	BISHOP NOLL	9-2	W	WHEELER	9-1	W	CONFER- ENCE CHAMPS	SECTIONAL CHAMPS
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GIRLS' BOWLING SCORES



JUST KEEP SWIMMING

The 2005-2006 girls swim season ended with high expectations for the 2006-2007 season. Seven juniors were expected to return to an established coaching staff; instead, only a disappointing three plagued upperclassmen. However, a talented group of underclassmen stepped up to team up with those seniors to place in several relay events at the 2007 Sectionals. Rigorous training, hard work and determination allowed this year's girls team to complete a successful 9-8 season with the new coaching staff, made up of Jane Sloan math, and Jim Saltanovitz math, assisted by James Long and Betty Hovle, English.

Seniors Rebecca Curnow and Lori Wartsbaugh hoped to make greater contributions, but both were hampered by nagging injuries that have limited them in the past.

"Being injured limited what I got to participate in; I also had to miss some meets," said senior captain Rebecca Curnow.

Swimming is more than just something to do in the summer. It is a really competitive sport and it takes up a lot of time and dedication. The girls' team (along with the boys) started their long season with a "learn to swim" fundraiser, offering swim lessons for kids around town. "Learn to swim" lesson had not been offered for a number of years, where most of the current swimmers got their start. Soon after the fundraising ended the team had conditioning and then shortly after that, the team went into their full on practices. These practices consisted of two a days. A practice at 5:30 a.m., and another one at 3:30 p.m. About a month after the practices, the meets started. The girls had two meets a week and sometimes on Saturday.

"Sometimes it was difficult to juggle all the practices, meets, and school work. I had to manage my time well and self-discipline was key in keeping up with my obligations," said freshmen Emily Million.

The team made up of mostly underclassmen stepped up in several relay events at the 2007 Sectionals. Freshmen Ali Pietrucha, sophomores Amber Verhoove and Alexis Bozinovich all broke the 29:00 second splits as part of the 200 Individual Medley and 200 Freestyle Relay at the Sectionals. Now that the season is over, the girls are looking forward to next year.



Sitting with sophomores Frances Pietruch and Cory Jung. "We were waiting for sectionals to start. The hardest part about the year was having to get up at 5:00am, it was worth it though. I had a lot fun," said sophomore Vanessa Gonzalez.

SCOREBOARD
LOWELL
46-133
L
GAVIT
136-129
W
CALUMET
136-23
W
HIGHLAND
56-66
L
ROBART
99-76
W
MUSTER
91-146
L
RENESSE-
LAKE
91-139
L
INVIT
2ND
WESTSIDE
125-44
W
CROWN
POINT
63-110
L
HANOVER

Going for the wall in the 200 Individual Medley, freshman Ali Pietrucha concentrates. "I was doing breast stroke in the event, it was at conference in Highland. I got my best time ever and I won that heat," said Pietrucha.

Sophomore Amber Verhoeve awaits a team mate on the block. "This is the first year I ever have swam for a high school team. The practices were a little harder than I thought they were going to be, but I like swimming a lot," said Verhoeve.



Josh Long



Josh Long

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A GHS SWIMMER

5:00 AM WAKE UP
5:30 GO TO SCHOOL
5:45 GET CHANGED

6:00 STRETCH
6:15 200 SWIM

6:20 10 - 75'S
6:35 10 - 100'S

6:55 300 COOL DOWN

7:00 SHOWER AND GET READY FOR SCHOOL

7:45 GO TO SCHOOL

2:55 PM SCHOOL ENDS
3:00 GO TO POOL AGAIN
3:15 WAIT FOR COACH TO LET US IN

3:30 CHANGE AND STRETCH
3:45 WORK OUT

6:00 GO HOME

6:30 EAT DINNER

7:30 START HOMEWORK

8:30 FINISH HOMEWORK

10:30 BEDTIME IF YOUR LUCKY

AND SET THE ALARM TO DO IT AGAIN

"I decided to join diving because it is the closest thing to gymnastics that Griffith offers. The sport isn't that hard it just takes muscle control and tons of energy used in a short amount of time," said sophomore Katie Lesniewski.



Josh Long

Waiting with her relay team which consisted of sophomores Amber Verhoeve and Cory Jung, and freshmen Ali Pietrucha and Lindsay Meece. "We were at conference in Highland getting ready for the relay," said Meece.



FIRST ROW: Katie Lesniewski, Abigail Zarndt, Amber Verhoeve, Raquel Mazur, Vanessa Gonzalez Christine Leslie **SECOND ROW:** Lindsay Meece, Emily Million, Amanda Uram, Lori Wartsbaugh, Frances Pietrucha, Angela Kepchar, Lauren Mathews, Cory Jung **THIRD ROW:** Coach Betty Hoyle, Ali Pietrucha, Alexis Boninovich, Coach Jane Sloan, Jessica Burbridge, Rebecca Currow, Jeni Jones, Coach Jim Saitanovitz

MORTON
97-73
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CONFER-
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WHEELER
86-120
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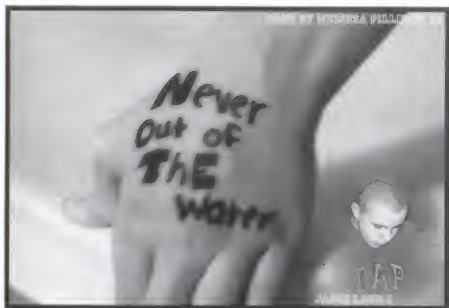
EAST GEN-
TRAL
115-26
W

HARMOND
115-26
W

KANTAKEE
VALLEY
89-114
L

CLARK
153-27
W

BISHOP NOLL
153-52
W



David Kujawa

A LAP AHEAD

Without an ounce of doubt in himself, sophomore swimmer Carlos Sotres dove into the water as soon as he heard the buzzer starting the race. From the start, Sotres was all but distracted, keeping an eye on the finish.

"I like to win because it shows that all of my practice and training has paid off. Plus, I like sticking it to the man," said Sotres, who has been a member of the team for two years.

Sotres wasn't the only swimmer of the 2006-2007 season to have personal goals and achievements. Senior Nathan Bryan beat the school record in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 56.7 seconds. The old record was set in 1985 and was 57.0 seconds. Because of the team's goals and enthusiasm, the boys' swim team won twelve out of 17 meets, making it to preliminary sectionals on February 15, 2007 and finals on February 17.

The season started off with a loss to Highland High School, but soon picked up after their win against Hobart with a final score of 102-72. About mid way through the season, the team placed first in the Lowell Invites. Other wins included Wheeler, Hanover, Kankakee Valley, and Clark High Schools. The team ranked sixth at the LAC (Lake Athletic Conference) and seventh at sectionals.

Over the course of the season, each swimmer developed their own "pre-meet ritual", a way to cool down and relax before the start of the meet.

"I relax by listening to music that gets me pumped up," said Sotres.

"I listen to my iPod and take a half hour shower. After that, we have the team talk," said freshman Jacob Long.

This year, the new coach, Jane Sloan, math, led the team to a new direction in fundraising. Instead of selling candy, the boys offered swimming lessons. Children of different ages from different schools attended lessons on either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I hate fundraisers, and the kids don't have to sell things. It's something that people actually want," said Sloan.

With deep concentration freshman Jacob Anderson does his back dive, half twist. "I like diving because if you mess up, you can't blame anyone else. Not many people have that ability."



David Kujawa

FOR THE RECORD...

TAKE A LOOK AT THESE OLYMPIC SWIMMING RECORDS

200M FREESTYLE: 1:44.71 seconds
-set in 2004 by Ian Thorpe

100M BUTTERFLY: 51.25 seconds
-set in 2004 by Michael Phelps

200M BACKSTROKE: 1:54.95 seconds
-set in 2004 by Aaron Peirsol

50M FREESTYLE: 21.91 seconds
-set in 1992 by Alexander Popov

SCOREBOARD

HIGHLAND
46-133
L

HOBART
102-72
W

MUNSTER
93-129
L

RENSSE-
LAKE
75-110
L

WEST SIDE
13-0
W

CROWN
POINT
88-124
L

HANOVER
13-0
W

LOWELL
RELAYS
1st
W

NORTON
103-71
W



David Kujawa

Diving into the pool for a relay, freshman Nicholas Sharp gets cheered for by his friends. "They make me go faster, and it gets me pumped up," said Sharp. Sharp regularly competes in mostly freestyle events.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

"I try not to think about a lot besides finishing the race before everyone else. If you think too much you'll mess up," said senior Tyler Louviere, who participates in the 100 yard breaststroke.

To relax during the meet, Junior Billy Hilbrich decides to sit down and observe poolside. "The most challenging part is actually racing in the events because that's the only part that gets me tired," said Hilbrich.



BOYS' SWIMMING

FIRST ROW: Gabriel Sotres, Jose Cisneros, Jacob Anderson, Dwight Poole, Jacob Long, Christian Martinez, Dylan Moulesong **MIDDLE ROW:** Tyler Louviere, Naeje Campbell, Joshua Long, Nicholas Ficht, Andrew Aken, Matthew Cavazos **THIRD ROW:** Betty Hoyle, Billy Hilbrich, Jimmy Purvis, Jane Sloan, Chris Parker, Zachary Koch, Jim Saltanovitz



David Kujawa

Getting mentally prepared for an event is just as important as getting physically prepared. Junior Dwight Poole listens to different bands, one being Through the Eyes of the Dead.

WHEELER
93-96
W

EAST CENTRAL
118-64
W

HAMMOND
118-11
W

LAC MEET
6TH
L

KANKAKEE
VALLEY
100-93
W

CLARK
158-60
W

BISHOP NOLL
158-24
W

LOWELL
91-71
W

SECTIONALS
7TH
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FIRST ROW: Brittany Medley, Lorris Smith, Matthew Beck, Steve Siokos, Caitlin Moisan, Nick Gonzalez, Shawn Siokos, Alexis Mata **SECOND ROW:** Ashley Robinson, Caitlin McCabe, Gabriel Muro, Nick Gallina, Veronica Smith, Samuel Carter, Andrew Karpati, Amanda Valtierra **THIRD ROW:** Jarrett Brownd, Ben Victory, Antonio Herrera, Chris Bartley, Anthony Concialdi, Brandon Archer, Michael Beck, Jimi Nunez **FOURTH ROW:** Coaches, Sonnie Kireta and Chris Modis, Austin Guziar, Isaac Salazar, Robbie Buehr, Kyle Daphis, Cory Stodham, Coaches Russ Radtke, Travis Walls



Ashley Peters

"During this meet I was wrestling this kid from Lowell," said junior Kyle Daphis. "Even though the other guy was pretty good I ended up winning this meet," said Daphis.

Ready to take down the opponent sophomore Austin Guziar wrestles. "I met my goal this year, and that was to make it to regionals," said Guziar. "You get out of wrestling what you put into it."

SCOREBOARD

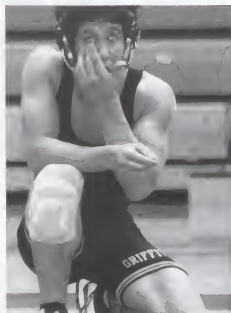
LOWELL	10-66	L
SAVIT	40-21	W
HIGHLAND	40-27	W
VAN STEEN- BEN	78-6	W
S.B. CLAY	40-18	W
HUNSTER	30-30	L
RICHMOND CITY	86-12	W
CONCORD	27-46	L
CALUMNET	40-33	W
PLAINFIELD	40-31	W
RICH. CENTRAL	51-23	W
RICH. EAST		



Stacy Sanchez

As he waits for his opponent to begin wrestling again senior Robbie Buehler mentally prepares himself "I am pretty good at getting myself out of this position," said Buehler

Replacing his contact, senior Steve Siokos sits on the mat before starting to wrestle again "Everyone said I was going to lose, but now you can see me on the wall of fame," said Siokos.



Ashley Peters



Ashley Peters

HOW DO YOU MAKE WEIGHT?

"I USUALLY HAVE TO DROP POUNDS BEFORE A MEET SO I RUN AFTER PRACTICE WITH TWO LONGSLEEVE SHIRTS AND A SWEATSHIRT ON."

-SAM CARTER 9

"IN ORDER FOR ME TO LOSE WEIGHT I REALLY NEED TO RUN CORRECTLY, AND RUN AFTER PRACTICE WITH LAYERS ON."

-NICK CORRALIZE 10

"DURING WRESTLING SEASON I HAVE TO GAIN WEIGHT, AND I DO THAT BY EATING A LOT AND WORKING OUT TO GAIN MORE MUSCLE."

-SHAWN SIOKOS 9

After each meet the wrestlers all walk in a line and shake hands with the other team to show good sportsmanship. "The best part about wrestling is winning," said sophomore Gabe Muro.



Stacy Sanchez

MENTALLY PREPARED

Wrestling is a very mental sport that takes a lot of determination. It is a sport that requires a certain weight and that can be very challenging, especially for teenage boys. The wrestling team ended their season this year with nine wins and six losses. "I think that we did better than we thought we would," said senior Steve Siokos.

Wrestling may seem like an easy sport, but many of the team members agree that wrestling involves a lot of mental and physical discipline.

The wrestlers practiced five days a week for three hours after school, and every morning for one hour. "Practices consist of warm-ups, wrestling other teammates, and then running and learning new moves," said senior Robbie Buehler.

For many of the wrestlers, the hardest part was when being all on your own on the mat. "This sport is the most disciplined because unlike other sports, you have nobody helping you wrestle, you are all on your own," said Siokos.

"Wrestling takes a lot of hard work because you get worn out so easily," said junior Lorris Smith. "Trying to stay in control when your down is the most important thing during the last period," said Smith.

The wrestling team does have one girl on the team who have been wrestling on the high school team since she was a freshman. "The best and the hardest part of wrestling for me is beating boys," said senior Caitlin Moisan. "My weight is not an issue because I wrestle my natural body weight, therefore I am never in need of dropping any weight," said Moisan.

"The key to wrestling is mentally preparing yourself before each match," said Buehler.

At the end of the season senior Steve Siokos took fourth at state, which is a really big accomplishment. "The hardest thing for me is not eating," said Siokos, who wrestles 125. "I usually just eat Nutri Grain bars, I eat very very little," said Siokos.

"Ever since my brother took fourth at state I look up to him," said freshman Shawn Siokos. "Unlike my brother I do not have to go without eating because I am actually underweight," said Siokos.

EAST CHICAGO CENTRAL 50-20 W	HOBART 18-20 L	AMERICAN 50-10 W	REGIONAL 150 ANDREW KARPANT (100L)	140 CHRIS HARTLEY (90L)	132 AUSTIN GOSBOR (100L)	160 MIKE BECK (100L)	112 NICK CORRALIZE 320	125 STEVE SIOKOS BUNKER-UP	215 ROBBIE BUEHLER BUNKER-UP & (100L)	112 NICK CORRALIZE (100L)	STATE 125 STEVE SIOKOS
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Ashley Peters

Waiting for the ball to return, sophomore Ashley Ames patiently stands ready while her opponent takes her hit. "I really like tennis because I'm on the team with all of my friends," Ames said.



David Kujawa

The team stands around while senior Trisha Brumley prepares the day's match. "I'm going to miss tennis next year because I will miss having a blast at practice and seeing the girls everyday," Brumley said.



FIRST ROW: Holly Jusko, Trisha Brumley, Elizabeth Hancock, Amy Miles, Megan Verbeke, Kelly Redden, Olivia Barlow **SECOND ROW:** Samantha Royal, Jessica Flutka, Keela Detmar, Natasha Subotic, Ashley Davis, Ashley Ames, Andrea Mullens, Catherine Kus, Cathy Rudzinski, Allison Colgrove **THIRD ROW:** Linnea Powers, Britney Cabrales, Heidi Pierson, Amber Crook, Caitlin McCabe, Tracy Sines, Jill Fitzgerald, Jackie Lopez, Ashley Azzarello, Erica Kudyba, Kim Vessell



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

SCOREBOARD

CLARK

W 4-1

K.V. JV

INITE

CAN-

CELLED

LAKE

STATION

W 4-0

WHITING

W 5-0

WHEELER

W 5-0

MORTON

W 4-1

CROWN

POINT

L 1-4

BISHOP

NOLL

W 5-0



David Kudwa

For senior night sophomore Keela Detmar hangs up a poster to cheer on her teammate, senior Kelly Redden. "I wanted to cheer on Kelly because she is awesome at tennis and she is really funny," Detmar said.

Playing in doubles with sophomore Natasha Subotic, senior Megan Verbeke goes for the return. "I love the feeling of playing tennis. It gives me an adrenaline rush," Verbeke said.

TAKING TENNIS TO THE TOP

Tennis is a hard sport that takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Tennis can be played as a leisure sport, such as at hotel resorts, but is also played as a very competitive sport. This year at Griffith High School the girls' tennis team is taken very seriously. There is a junior varsity tennis team and a varsity tennis team.

There are two different types of tennis matches that the girls can choose from. They can play in singles matches or doubles. In singles you face the opponent one on one, but in doubles you work with a partner. Senior Amy Miles plays on a doubles team. "I play doubles with Cathy Rudzinski. My favorite match was when we played against Crown Point and killed them," Miles said.

Another tennis player that plays in doubles is sophomore Brittany Cabrales. "I play for JV and for Varsity, so when I'm with JV I am partnered with sophomore Keela Detmar, and on varsity I play with sophomore Erika Kudyba," Cabrales said.

Freshman Jackie Lopez started her first season of tennis this year along with three other freshmen. She plays in doubles with freshman Amber Crook. It is their first year but she plans on joining the team again sophomore year.

"I was nervous to start tennis because everyone is watching you play, but I really like playing tennis," Lopez said.

The tennis coach this year is Tracy Sines. The girls practice every day except on the days of matches. They usually have matches two to three times a week.

Tennis is a sport of great dedication and practice and that is just what these girls do.

MOST EMBARRASSING TENNIS MOMENTS

"My most embarrassing moment was when I was playing for varsity and I meant to smack the ball, but I missed it and hit my knee instead"
-Catherine Kus 10

"It was embarrassing when the ball missed my racket and hit me in the face." Keela Detmar 10

"I was embarrassed when I accidentally hit Andee Mullens in the face." - Ashley Ames 10

CALUMET

L 2-3

ROBERT

L 2-3

ANDREAN

CAN-
CELLED

CAVITT

W 2-3

RIVER

FOREST

W 3-2

HANOVER

CENTRAL

CAN-
CELLED

WEST

SIDE

W 4-0

HIGHLAND

L 5-0

THE REAL WING

Golf is a swing in more than one way! Golfers appear to complete as individuals, but they are really compiling their scores to come up with a winning team score. The thing is, you don't want to come up with the highest score. In golf you win by having the lowest score, which is the least number of strokes (a hit of the ball).

Then there is the actual swinging of the club. These guys have to try to hit a tiny white ball into a hole some 300 yards away, dodging sand, woods, and water. It comes the precision of putting the ball into the cup. Adding to the challenge is the fact that these athletes have to walk around the entire course carrying their clubs with them.

"Sometimes, in the beginning, it makes you a little bit nervous because there are a lot of people watching just you and a lot of them are hoping you mess up," said freshman Jake Long.

Sounds very hard and a little nerve-wracking, doesn't it? One bad swing makes the difference in the match.

This year's golf team stepped up to the challenge time and time again, improving their scores and finishing undefeated. One of the most memorable victories was against Andean. This was the first defeat over Andean's golf team in seven years. This season was exciting for the whole team and especially a great way for the returning seniors, Brian Kayden, Aaron Salczynski, Nathan Vaughn, Nathan Lehmann, Ryan Bandura, and Danny Vanek, to fish their high school golfing careers.

The golf team had won sectional this year. The last time the golf team made it to was in 1998. The team is not only made it to sections, they won sectional! They are now advancing to regional. The last time golf team was at regional was in 1968. The team hopes to win sectional and advance to state.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Thinking of how to make his next hit to finish the hole under par is senior Brian Kayden. "This year is good because everyone is back from last year and we are undefeated," said Kayden.

Dripping wet, senior Ryan Bandura tries to putt while standing in a puddle of water. Bandura rolls up his pants to his knees so they don't get wet. "I enjoy golfing because it relaxes me," said Bandura.



GOLF TERM TEST

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|--------------|--|
| 1. Ace | a. Two under par |
| 2. Eagle | b. Hole in one |
| 3. Birdie | c. Three under par |
| 4. Albatross | d. One under par |
| 5. Break | e. The way the slope of the ground causes the ball to roll |

1b2a3d4c5e

SCORE-
BOARD

CAVIT
W 170-269

CALUMET
W 242-162

HIGHLAND
W 161-190

MORTON
W 170-222

LOWELL
W 163-166

WHEELER
W 170-197

CLARK
W 162-217

HOBART
W 160-160

KV. INVITE
6TH-372

ANDREAN
W 165-166

BISHOP
ROLL

W 161-162

WHITING
W 177-262



David Kujawa

In complete concentration, senior Aaron Salczynski puts the ball trying to finish the hole under par. "Beating Andrean was the best part of the year. We haven't beat them in the past seven years," said Salczynski.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Senior Chris Parker keeps his arm straight and his legs bent as he tees off. Parker hopes to finish each hole under par. The golf team is undefeated this season due to excellent players.

"I was a little nervous my first meet competing in a high school match because it actually meant something," said freshmen Justin Phillips. Phillips picks up his ball after marking it so the game can continue.



FIRST ROW: Justin Phillips, Joseph Zajac, Alexander Ledford, David Kujawa, Chris Paker, Daniel Vanek, Jacob Long, Zachary KisFalus **SECOND ROW:** Zachary Koch, Aaron Salyczynski, Nathan Lehmann, Coah Jeff Blahunka, Brian Kayden, Ryan Bandura, Nathan Vaughan

David Kujawa

LAKE
STATION
EDISON
W

KANKAKEE
VALLEY
W 166-175

HAMMOND
3PLAYERS-
209

LAKE
CENTRAL
INV.
-302

MUNSTER
167-161

LAC TOURN
-359

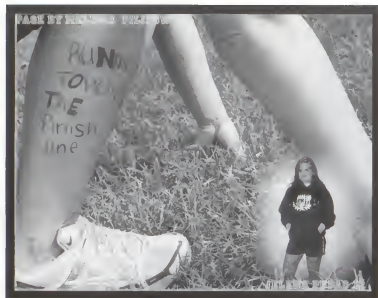
SECTIONALS
2ND PLACE

REGIONALS
W

NATE
LEHMANN

AND
AARON

SALCZYNSKI
STATE
QUALIFIERS



Aroney Peters



Joan Long

Quickly getting a word in with Junior Anthony Moore is senior Allen McClendon. McClendon was the only track member to make it all the way to state competition in the high jump.



Joan Long

Walking with his brother Zach, sophomore Mark Butkus heads to warm-ups. Along with sprints, Butkus participates in the 300 intermediate hurdles. "Running makes me faster for football," said Butkus.

RUN FASTER, JUMP HIGHER

After months of loafing around, munching on delectable goodies, and watching television reruns, the 2007 track and field season returned. With it came after school runs around the track and football field. Though the team practiced every day, the beginning of the season required determination to come back from any lazy winter habits.

"It is hard because you have to regain all your endurance," said sophomore Tod Basham, a member of the track team since 6th grade.

Along with sprints and other races, track also has a number of field events such as high jump, long jump, shot put, and discus, all of which practiced every day after school.

With a high jump record of 5 feet 4 inches, sophomore Carly Dunn has been involved in track also since 6th grade.

"It gives me a feeling of accomplishment," said Dunn.

At the start of the season, the girls' varsity team got 6th at the LAC Indoor and a score of 40 at the LAC Quad, a third place finish. Though the middle of the season was rough with losses to Highland, Morton, and Bishop Noll, the Highland Invite and Munster Relays brought in 3rd and 4th place finishes respectively. The girls' rounded off with a 5th place finish at sectionals.

At the other end of the spectrum, the boys' varsity track season was kicked off with a score 78 1/2, second place to Kankakee Valley. Throughout the season, they also received second place finishes at the Highland High School Invite and Lowell Relays.

Though it was filled with many ups and downs, the girls' and boys' track season was one to remember.

MATCH THE RUNNER TO THEIR FAVORITE MUSIC CHOICE ON THE TRACK

Priscilla Sepulveda, 10	A. Crime Mob
Sean Hansen, 12	B. none
Tod Basham, 10	C. rap or R&B
Aundalyse Parquet, 11	D. The Wanderers

Answers C, D, B, A

BOYS'
SCOREBOARD

LAKE
CENTRAL
3RD-76 1/2

LAC QUAD.
2ND-74

LOWELL
3RD-33

HOBART "B"
4TH-43

HIGHLAND
INVITE
2ND

LOWELL
RELAYS
2ND

LAC
CONFERENCE
5TH

SECTIONALS
3RD



Josh Long



APC



Josh Long

Close behind a Calumet runner is junior Julian Kern. "The best part is the meets, and the hardest part is practice," said Kern. A foreign exchange student from Germany, Kern has made an impact on the team.

To get ready to practice her high jump, sophomore Carly Dunn takes a run around the track. Dunn received first place for the high jump at sectionals and ninth at regionals.

With power and speed, sophomore Nick Udchitz pole vaults. Not only does he participate in track, but also in football and Russ Radtke's APC class. "I like the people you get to talk to the most," said Udchitz.



FIRST ROW: Corey Breclaw, Nick Gallina, Zach Duvnjak, Anthony Zarnt, Robert Saltonovitz, Justin Casper, Tyrese Buchanan, Justin Jones, Najee Campbell, Steven Kepchar, Joey Nunez, Nick Gaydos, Matt Beck, Tim Rutherford **SECOND ROW:** Sean Hansen, Willie Hernandez, Nick Udchitz, Jimmy Burch, Austin Cuzor, Danny Keller, Mark Butkus, Greg Joyce, Josh Sims, Colin Yarnelle, Trevor Janke, Brian Hill, Julian Kern, Anthony Moore, Hernandez Jamie, David Jones **THIRD ROW:** Russ Radtke, Bo Radtke, David Alexander, Todd Basham, Miles Hall, Allen McClendon, Kyle Smith, Robbie Buehler, Nick Biancardi, Eddie Boncela, Kenneth Korpela, Zach Butkus, Trey Bailey, Brian Orkis, Michael Yarnelle



FIRST ROW: Taylor Long, Stephanie Hobbs, Anne Scheffel, Na' Vasia Flemmings, Lakisha Hill, Erika Aldape, Alicia Cooper, Katie Miller **SECOND ROW:** Meghan Macak, Azsha Grant, Ashley Darrough, Aundalyse Parquet, Lindsey Meece, Sara Popovich, Briana Greenwell, Brittney Hill, Priscilla Sepulveda **THIRD ROW:** Derek Mlenkoff, Mike Worosz, Lauren Mathews, Jada Harris, Shavonna Simmons, Carly Dunn, Jessica Burbrich, Stephanie Negrette, Stephanie Nowak, Angela Kepchar, Jamie Freeman, Brian Orkis, Alex Brandon

GIRLS'
SCOREBOARD

LAC INDOOR
6TH

LAKE
CENTRAL
3RD-40

LAC OVAR
4TH-24

HIGHLAND
INVITE
3RD

MUNSTER
RELAYS
4TH

CALUMET
RELAYS
5TH

LAC
CONFERENCE
10TH

SECTIONALS
5TH

PAGE OF LABOUR PROCEEDING

BRIFFITH - HIGHLAND - S-1

KIREIA >> /
MOLLY O. >> /
PUNK >> /
PEACHES >> /
EADNER > />
RUZ > / /
REIS > / /
ANNIG >> >
FRANDI > / /
LISA >> >

STEPPING UP
TO THE
PLATE

7000000



FIRST ROW: Molly Orzechowicz, Maegan Funk, Kristen Yost, Christina Kireta, Kalynn Ruiz, Annie Hernandez, **SECOND ROW:** Lindsay Brandner, Brandi Heidler, Shelby Boilek, Alyssa Van Horssen, **THIRD ROW:** Frances Pietrucha, Coach Sarah Payne, Tiffany Lidster, Brittany Bridges, Lisa Worley, Coaches Ed Mcleod and Dave Lopez



FIRST ROW: Kara Buchholz, Destiny Cox, Kathryn Galambos, Ashley Rodgers, Sydney Reis, Stephanie Shively, Amber Wilson, **SECOND ROW:** Kara Kessey, Jessica Henderson, Coach Mike Hernandez, Abby Metsch, Kellie Bubala

The varsity girls get together to try in order to calm themselves down. "Whenever we are all getting really worked up we huddle together to ease our nerves," said senior Meagan Funk. "I think that this technique really works," said Funk.



"I have played on varsity for two years now, and my favorite thing is batting in a big situation," said sophomore Brandi Heidler. "Batting always gets me really excited, and it is really nerve wrecking," said Heidler.

SCREEDS
HERRINGVILLE
9-0 W
BRIGHT
0-0 L
BOAT GROVE
4-0 W
CHRISTIAN
1-4 L
KANKAKEE
VALLEY
1-2 W
HURTER
1-10 L
ROCKTON
W
HOBLAND
2-6 L
AMERICAN
1-2 L
SOUTH BEND
RILEY
2-1 W
BETH OF NOIL
7-2 W
LOWELL
5-12 L
W. HERRING
TOWN
4-1 W
W. L
9-1 W
ROBERT
4-2 W

SOFTBALL STUNNERS!

Throughout the years Griffith softball has grown and excelled, and the team has played to the best of their abilities. For the past two years the softball team has been able to take the title as Sectional Champions. This year the lady panthers continue to succeed and live up to their expectations.

"The hardest thing about softball for me is getting along with everybody on the team," said senior Megan Swanson. "I think our team would be much better if we had more team bonding activities," said Swanson.

At the beginning of the year the coaches had decided to allow the girls to skip practice and go bowling together. "I really enjoyed bowling and I think that it helped bring the girls together," said senior Molly Orzechowicz.

Sophomore Lindsay Brandner plays third base and right field and has played on varsity for two years. "I think that if we practiced a little bit harder and didn't let distractions get in our way then we would do a lot better," said Brandner.

"The best part about softball is when everyone on the team gets along and we play as an actual team," said senior Tiffany Lidster. "It tends to be hard for everyone to get along all of the time because we are all so different," said Lidster.

The team has three pitchers which play in rotation each game. Junior Brittany Bridges has been pitching since she was eight years old. "I really enjoy pitching because it makes me feel like I am in charge of the game," said Bridges. "The only thing that bothers me about pitching is the amount of pressure that it brings on," said Bridges.

"I will really miss the girls this year because it is probably the last time I will be on a competitive team," said Orzechowicz. "After this year I think that the team will still be good but will change every year depending on the attitudes of each player," said Orzechowicz.

SOFTBALL SUPERSTITIONS

"Before each game the whole team places their right foot over the foul line and we all hold pinkies while they play the national anthem," said senior Lisa Worley.

"The night before a game I sleep with a softball in my hand. I do that because I believe that it mentally prepares my mind for the big game," said freshman Kara Buchholz.

"Christina Kireta and I have to do a certain handshake with each other before each game. That must be my biggest ritual, because we have done it for so long," said senior Molly Orzechowicz.



Annie Peters



Annie Peters

Ready for a double play senior Annie Hernandez makes an astonishing catch. "I really enjoy playing second base because I love being in the infield and making double plays," said Hernandez.

HEMLOCK VALLEY 11-0 W	HIGHLAND INV. 1-0 L	HIGHLAND INV. 3-4 L	MUNSTER 0-2 L	HIGHLAND 4-7 L	AMERICAN 1-2 L	ROCKFELL 2-0 W	ROCKFELL CITY	12-2 W	LOWELL 2-5 L	WHEAT 4-3 W	LAKE 2-0 L	SECTIONALS CLARK 14-1 W	CAVE 7-1 W	REGIONALS AMERICAN 4-0 L
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Watching the pitch go by, freshman Jackson Buzea waits for a strike in the JV game against Bishop Noll. "Playing baseball has been very enjoyable this year. I really like hanging out with all the guys," said Buzea.



Josh Long

Josh Long



FIRST ROW: Rex Cullen, Tim Cooper, Joe Zajac, Jerami O'Brien, Tyler Louviere, Corey Nash
SECOND ROW: Curt Konopasek, Kyle Najar, Kyle Lidster, Ryan Bridges, David Konopasek, Derek Hitt
THIRD ROW: Will Frets, Dan Woloszyn, Matt Kuna, Nate Bryan, Jake Terpstra



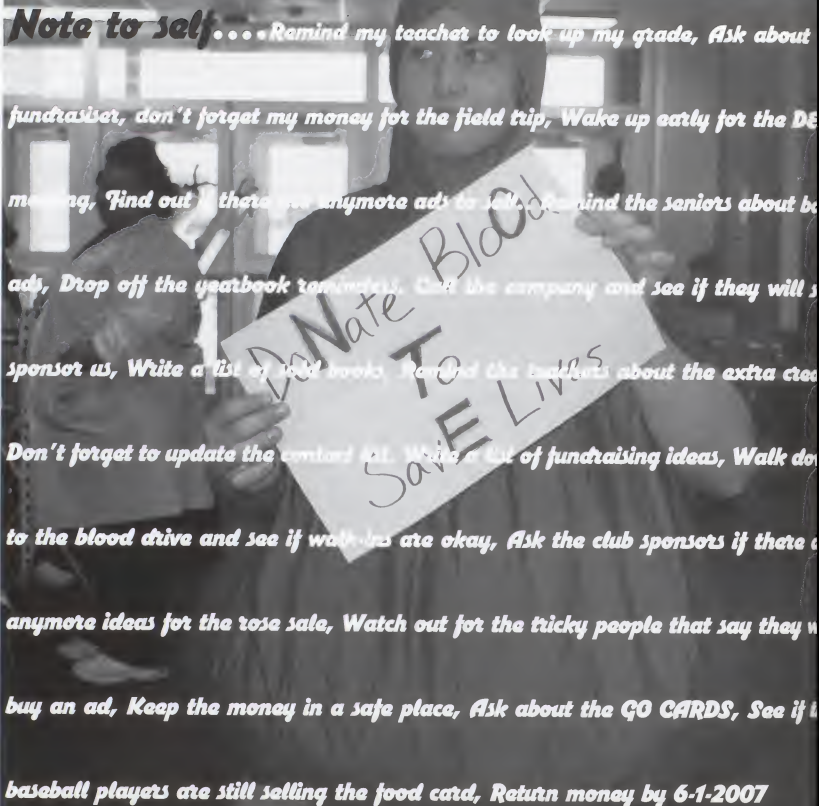
FIRST ROW: Jackson Buzea, Travis Litke, Kevin Konopasek, Sam Carter
SECOND ROW: Mark Blount, Chris Bartley, Jamar Brown, Mike Barlow, Josh Long
THIRD ROW: Nick Trauscht, Alex Little, Ryan Calher, Jeremy Ratajczyk, Jake Evanich



FIRST ROW: Jeremy Sharpe, Brian Little, Michael Lanfear, Jeremy Lukmann, Johnny Kantor, Mike Zaberda
SECOND ROW: Matt Corlett, Jason Short, Cory Stidham, Kyle Carter, Greg Myers
THIRD ROW: Peter Sepulveda, Kyle Terpstra, Coach Greg Haan, Brian Brimley, Jeff Godlewski

Josh Long

HOBART
W 12-6
HIGHLAND
W 5-1
ANDREAN
W 4-2
BISHOP NOLL
W 14-4
LOWELL
W 4-2
HANOVER
W 4-3
LAC-HAMMOND
W 12-0
LAC-BISHOP
NOLL
W 1-0
LAC-KANKAKEE
VALLEY
W 11-2
LAC-MUNSTER
L 7-9
CALUMET
W 12-2
LAKE CENTRAL
L 3-14
E.C. CENTRAL
W 4-2
CALUMET-SECT.
W 14-0
MORTON-SECT.
W 10-0



Note to self......Remind my teacher to look up my grade, Ask about
fundraiser, don't forget my money for the field trip, Wake up early for the DE
meeting, Find out if there are anymore ads to sell, Remind the seniors about be
ads, Drop off the yearbook reminders, Call the company and see if they will s
sponsor us, Write a list of sold books, Remind the teachers about the extra cee
Don't forget to update the contact list, Write a list of fundraising ideas, Walk do
to the blood drive and see if walk-ins are okay, Ask the club sponsors if there
anymore ideas for the rose sale, Watch out for the tricky people that say they w
buy an ad, Keep the money in a safe place, Ask about the GO CARDS, See if t
baseball players are still selling the food card, Return money by 6-1-2007

Note to Self...
Feed my cat Angus
-Alex Bailey 9

Note to Self...
Go to the store after school
and get new shoes
-Brandon Rukes 10

Note to Self...
I need a new CD player
for my car - Corey Henzen 11

Note to Self...
I have to watch a movie
tomorrow night - Ralynn Ruiz 9

Selling our way to success

In order to run any type of organization properly, money is needed. Whether it is the Diamond Club raising money for baseball, car washes for Pantherettes, or selling candy for National Honor Society, money is needed to keep the group going. When it comes to financially supporting the GHS publications (yearbook, newspaper, and The Edge) the majority of the money comes from selling advertisements to local businesses. On both yearbook and newspaper, there are certain people designated to sell, organize, and keep track of ads for the staff. In yearbook, the responsibilities are divided between juniors Aundalyse Parquet and Britney Hill. "Selling ads is fun and pretty easy. Sometimes though its hard to talk to companies, because they aren't there anymore when we get out of school," said Hill. Along with selling ads to local businesses, Parquet and Hill take care of Senior baby ads. For the Panther Press, sophomore Katherine Kuna took over for junior Cassie Bailey. This year, the Reflector staff tried a new way to raise money. They sold GO cards, a discount card on items for prom, graduation parties and other important events that go on throughout highschool. The idea for the staff members to sell these cards was partially inspired by the varsity baseball team who sells saver cards to friends, family and faculty to raise money for team equipment and uniforms. The card provides discounts to local restaurants, auto shops, and tanning salons.

Note to Self...
I have to sign up for my
classes - Sydney Reis 9

Note to Self...
Take out the garbage
-Michael Barlow 10

Note to Self...
Buy flash cards for my
history test
-Kristen Mathews 10

Ben Geffert

We're sad too!
There hasn't been and won't
ever be a day we haven't been
proud of you. We'll always
be there for you.
Mom, Dad, Nikki, & Matt



Class of 2007

Nathan Vaughn

We can hardly believe that you are
graduating. The time sure has gone by
so fast. We are so proud of you and all
that you accomplished in high school.
You have a lot of great memories to look
back on and smile about. Now onto
the next chapter of your life. We know
that whatever you do you will succeed.
Always remember that we are here for
you.
Love always, Mom & Dad



Class of 2007

Kathryn Horn

Katie, you're grown into such
a beautiful woman, you're
confident, mature and true to
yourself. I'm so proud of you
for that! You also make me
laugh my head off and I'll miss
seeing you on stage. Enjoy life
and a wonderful future.
Love Mom, Matt, & Kevin



Class of 2007

Nathan Vaughn

Nathan, Congratulations!
The years have gone by so fast you
are a special grandson and we are
very proud of all your accomplish-
ments and the person you have be-
come. Let nothing stand in your
way of your hopes and dreams. We
love you.
Grandma & Grandpa



Class of 2007



Alyssa Szo

Graduation is a time
For feeling very proud
For thinking lots of special thoughts
And saying them out loud

So we're very proud of you
For being who you are
For making something of yourself
And making it this far

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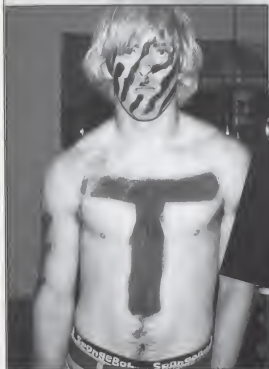
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Joseph Kelly Greichunos

Well, the time has come to condense 18 years into one paragraph. Impossible! We waited a long time for a miracle from God. You finally arrived full of energy. Those big beautiful green eyes always let me know what you were thinking and feeling. The happiest memories were watching you grow to be a handsome, independent, athletic, determined, kindhearted, fair, loyal, and fun-loving young man. Your personality is dynamic and memorable. Your grandmother was the first to comment that Joey is fun to be around. We smile when we remember *THE BEST OF TIMES* and it hurts when we remember the *WORST OF TIMES*. That is life. Your talent, dedication, energy, and fearlessness you exhibit in all your endeavors from tumbling to soccer amazed us. You are a blessing. We can't wait to see what the future holds. We wish the best for you because you deserve it. Enjoy and have fun!

Hugs and Kisses, Your Biggest Fans, God Bless You, Mom and Dad.



Class of

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07

Molly Orzechowicz

Molly- You have blessed our lives in so many ways. We're proud of all your accomplishments and the beautiful person you've become. May God continue to bless you as you travel down a new path in life. Always remember that we're here for you! May your dreams stay big and your worries stay small.

Love, Hugs, & Kisses, Mom, Dad, Brian & Gus



Class Of

20



07

Kristina Plucinski



To our special little girl,
We are so proud
of you. Your smiles,
laughs and proud mo-
ments have touched

everyone around you. You will always be
our "snookes." You have touched our lives.
We love you very much.
Love Mom, Dad, Mi-
chelle & Christopher



Class of 2007

Anthony Drechny



Tony,
Congratulations! We
are proud of you and
all you've accomplished
over the years. We
will always be here to

encourage and support you in anything
you do.

Love Mom, Dad
& Catie



Class of 2007

Miles Hall



Miles,
Congratulations! We
are very proud of the
fine young man you have
become. Thank you for all
of your hard work, your
honesty, and integrity. It

has been a lot of fun watching you in soccer and
track. Thank you for the memories. You have
always been a great son and brother. We are
looking forward to your
future. Good luck in col-
lege...follow your dreams.
We love you very much.
Mom, Dad, & Lacey



Class of 2007

Elise Garcia



Elise,
God has blessed you with
so many special talents.
You are an amazing per-
son. You have grown up to
be a beautiful young lady.

We are all so proud of you
and your many accomplishments. This is just the
beginning. We wish you much happiness, health,
and success. Be happy, laugh often, and real-
ize your dreams. Our love
and support will be forever
yours.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Art



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Matt Gurrola

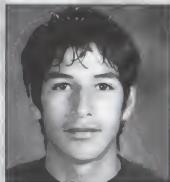
Eighteen years ago you made us so proud with your arrival. Everyday, we became more amazed as we watched you grow into the gentle and sensitive young man you have become.

We will miss watching the soccer games where you proudly wore your favorite #9. Do not forget to keep God in your heart and remember that with determination, your future can be as bright as the shining stars. Have fun and enjoy life!

Love

Dad, Mom, Carlo, & Claudio

Class of 2007



Kelly Redden

To Our Beautiful Daughter Kelly,

You were just a teeny tiny tot when you showed us what a beautiful dancer you are, we can hardly believe that you are about to graduate. And Wow! How we are going to miss watching you perform those awesome dances at half time of football and basketball games. We were also excited when you decided to give tennis a try- See you are an athlete after all! You have been such a joy to watch and have created some wonderful memories that we will treasure. We are so incredibly proud of you and all of your accomplishments and wish you the very best next year at Purdue!! We love you and will miss you so much next year!

Love

Mom & Dad

Class of 2007



Kristen Knoerzer

Kristen,
Congratulations! We know you could do it. Enjoy every day for what it's worth, you deserve the best life has to offer. Never settle for less than you dream. Always know that no matter what you do, or where life leads you, we'll always be there for you. We're proud of you. We love you T.T.L.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Class of 2007

Annie Hernandez

Congratulations to a great daughter who I love very dearly. Good luck in the future because I know whatever you do you will be successful.
Love your Mom, Dad, & Brother



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Bradley Popa

Bradley, you've always had your own style! You've grown up to become a wonderful young man and we have become prouder of you every day! We wish you love, success, prosperity, and health. Always chase your dreams, but remember the road that will lead you back home.

We love you Mom, Jesse, Tre & Jessica



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That was Then



Amanda Tharp



This is Now

Class of 2007

Rob Buehler



Rob, We are so proud of your athletic and academic achievements! From Bam-Bam to Turtle Boy to #55- you have been an absolute joy! We thank God daily for sending you to us!

Love Mom, Dad, & Kristen



Class of 2007

Jeanette Bridegroom



You have grown from a wonderful baby girl into a beautiful young woman. From learning to walk to graduating high school. I am very proud of you and all the accomplishments you have achieved. I look forward to sharing your future of reaching goals, fulfilling dreams and your rewarding accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

I love you, Mom



Class of 2007

Kelly Staszak

Kel,

We always tell you we wish you could stay our little girl, but we are so proud of the person you have become. You can accomplish anything you set out to do. We know your future holds wonderful things for you. Thanks for being such a special daughter and sister.

Love always,
Dad, Mom & Stacy



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Brittany Zajack

Thank you for all the happy memories you've given us. We are so very proud of you and the wonderful person you have grown up to be. We'll be watching as all your dreams come true. Always, Mom & Dad



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John Reyna

We are all very proud of you and want to congratulate you on all your achievements through the years. We wish you well in college and know you will accomplish all your goals and dreams.

Dad & Mom



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Billy Cahill

Billy,
We couldn't have designed a more perfect son if we had been able to select every wonderful trait. You're generous, smart, and a really good person. Your accomplishments are the result of all your hard work. We believe the best is yet to come. Have fun! There's no limit to how very proud we are! We wish you success, love, and happiness.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike, & Katie



Class of 2007

Ashley Perry

Ashley,
We are very proud of you and all you've accomplished. Thank you for bringing so much joy and love into our lives! We know you will succeed in whatever you do. We love you very much!

Love,
Dad, Tabitha, Mom & Logan



Class of 2007



Becky Curnow

*It seems like only yesterday,
That we rocked you in our arms.
We moved at your first words,
And protected you from harm.
We saw that smile and heard you speak,
When you first rode on two wheels.
We saw and heard the bubbles,
As you first learned to swim.
We cheered so much and waited with you,
As you competed in pool and gym.
You've won and smiled, lost and cried,
But we're so proud because you tried.*

*So many great days and things await you
That you simply can't foresee.
Always study hard, to prepare for life,
For you'll find there will be some stress.
Be true to yourself and those you love,
And your rewards will line up by the mile.
Be confident, be happy, and always, always keep that smile.
Be positive, be honest, and you'll surely find success.
We know you'll always make us proud
Even though your room's a mess.*

*With so much pride and love,
Mom, Dad, & Chris*

Class of 2007



Jessica Phillips

Our Dear Jessica,

The last eighteen years have been very special to us because of you! You have brought so much joy to our lives and so many wonderful memories to cherish. We will miss you next year, the house will be too quiet, but we look forward to watching you accomplish your many goals in life. Work hard and be true to yourself! Remember that your family is here for you! Congratulations! We wish you health, success, happiness and love! Good luck in college. Have fun too! We are proud of you!

We love you ~ up to everything and even more everyday!!"

*Love,
Mom, Dad & Justin*

Class of 2007

Adam Gasper



Congratulations! We are so proud of the man you have become. Now it is time to pursue your goals and work on your future endeavors.

You will always have our love and support in all you do. Good luck at Purdue(Lafayette)
Love Always,
Mom, Dad, &
Justin



Class of 2007

Andrea Naaman



Dear Andrea,
High School is just a pebble in the road of life. The path is up to you now. Believe in yourself, have faith in your decisions, and you will find your way to success.

Love, Dad, Mom
Mark, Erica, &
Angie



Class of 2007

Amy Miles



To Our Princess,
We are so proud of you. You were a great Pantherette President. You stood by the girls and helped keep the team together. In

tennis you were MVP and made 1st Team All Conference. You also received your academic letter. We Love you very much. Good luck in you future, and remember we will always be here for you.
Love Mom, Dad &
Brian



Class of 2007

Dan Woloszyn



Dando,
Because you are such a great kid, we know that every ambition you have for your future life will come true. Study hard at Purdue but have a little fun too. We love you!

Your #1 fan Nana
Aunt Amy & Uncle
Brian



Class of 2007



Dan Woloszyn

*To My #1 grandson
Good Luck at Pur-
due. My wish for you
is health, love, happi-
ness and much success.*

Love ya! Pa Pa

Class of 2007



Dan Woloszyn

*To our precious little "Danny
Boy," You have brought us so
much joy into our lives. You
are truly a great kid! You've
made us more than proud.
May all of your dreams come
true. Thanks for being such
a fun little brother to have
around! We love you Daniel!*

Love Mom, Dad. & Sissy

Class of 2007

Brittany Erickson



Brittany,

Seems like not so long ago carrying this picture of you when you were three. My how time flies and you've accomplished so much. I'm so proud of you! Never give up your dreams!

Love always &
forever,
Mom



Class of 2007

Nathan Lehmann



Dear Nathan,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and all you've accomplished. You have become such an extraordinary young man, a strong leader, loyal friend, hard worker, and wonderful son. You have set your standards high and have worked hard to achieve your goals. You are respected by

both your teachers and your friends, which says a lot about your character. As you move on to the next phase of your life, we pray you continue to use the many talents God has given you. Stay strong in your faith and you can accomplish all you set out to do. We'll miss watching our favorite Black and Gold football player, basketball player, and golfer. We love you so much.
Mom, Dad & Richard



Class of 2007

That was Then



Class of 2007

Kristyn Manyard



This is Now

Dear Nathan,

We are very proud of the young man you have become. May you continue to achieve great things with hard work, preparation and God at your side, always learning from mistakes along the way. We end with this spiritual admonition to "Keep faith with God... regardless and always

Much love & Peace,
Grandfather & Grandy



Class of 2007

Daniel Vaneek

Daniel,

Always expect great things of yourself, and the future will deliver! We're so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, &
the whole crew



Class of 2007

Casey Colby

Congratulations Casey! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments throughout the years. We are also very proud of the wonderful young man you have become. We love you very much!

Mom, Dad & Dave



Class of 2007

Trisha Brumley



Princess Trisha- I'm so proud of how well you did in high school. You've changed from a beautiful little girl into a beautiful young woman.

Congratulations and good luck at MSU. Set your sights high and reach for the stars.
Love Grandma



Class of 2007

Trisha Brumley

From our little bundle of joy to an amazing young lady. We are proud of all your accomplishments in high school. Good luck at Michigan State we will always be here for you.

Love Mom, Dad, & Eric



Class of 2007

Amanda Rakowski

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. After graduation a new chapter in your life begins. Good luck in college. Follow your dream and success will follow you.
Love, Dad & Mom



Class of 2007

Steve Siokis



Steve,
We are all so proud of you. We've watched you go from our little guy to a great young man. You have blessed

us with so many great memories that will stay in our hearts forever. Thanks for being "YOU."

We love you so much!
"The Whole Family"



Class of 2007

Matthew Baccino



It's hard to believe that 18 years have come and gone so fast. You have grown into such a hard working, honest, and caring young man. We are very proud to have

you as a brother and son, and can't wait to see what the future brings! Enjoy life, good luck in college, and know we are always there for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Hillary,
Mallory, & Jon



Class of 2007



Nathan Bryan

Time passes by so fast. Yesterday you were clugging around in high heels playing baseball. Now you're graduating. I'm so proud of the young man you've become and your accomplishments. Just because you are moving on in your life's journey, I will always be there for you. Remember your dreams. Set your goals high. Stay true to yourself and most of all enjoy life. Congratulations!

Love you son!

Mom

Class of 2007



Alexis Gonzalez

Dear Alexis,

You have a huge heart, terrific style and taste, a fun sense of humor, and a spirit that won't quit!!! You're an original; you have your own special way of doing things, expressing your needs and looking at the world. You're doing all you can to be the person you want to be.

As you begin your college years, we wish you confidence, a strong trust in yourself, faith in the future, and the belief that you will make the right choices to bring you closer to the happiness you deserve. May you always have enough success to make you proud, enough trials to keep you strong, enough work to keep you challenged, and enough of all life's treasures to keep you truly happy.

These 18 years have flown by, but our love for you grows deeper: our honest and amazing irreplaceable daughter. You're the daughter we always wanted. From the very first ball game, ballet recital, ceremony, we've admired you, enjoyed and been so proud of you. Remember, you will always be our daughter, our sister, and we will always love you and believe in you.

Love, hugs, and kisses,
Mom, Dad, and Matthew

Class of 2007

Ricardo Garate



Our family has had a lot of fun this year! You have been a joy to have around. Your sense of humor always brightens our day. Thanks for allowing

us to be your "American" family. You are always welcomed back. We pray you have a wonderful life and excel

in everything you set your heart on.

Love Bob, Nancy,
Dan, & Brandon



Class of 2007

Holly Jusko

To our "Favorite Youngest Daughter,"
It probably seems to you that it's taken a long time to get where you are today. We are so proud of you. You have become such a beautiful, funny, & charming young woman. It has been a lot of fun to watch you play from basketball, track to swimming & tennis. You have always lived life with zest. The future is endless, so reach for the stars; you can accomplish anything you put your heart into. We will always be there for you. Congratulations!

Love Dad, Mom, Kelley



Class of 2007

Brian Kayden

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! You have given us great joy watching you at school, in sports, and with your friends. Good luck as you head off to Purdue Lafayette. Always know that we will be here for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Allison



Class of 2007

Megan Verbeke

Megan Verbeke,

When you were born, we hoped for a beautiful, talented intelligent daughter. You've exceeded our wildest wishes. We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, your sisters,
grandparents, aunts & uncles



Class of 2007

Caitlin Scott

Congratulations Catie! You made it through this part of life's adventures. We hope you're excited about your future adventures to come and we look forward to sharing in them with you. We are so very proud.

Love, Your Family



Class of 2007

Lisa Worley



To the world,
you're one person.
But to us, you are
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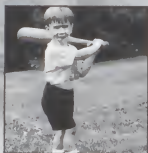
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Love Mom, Dad, Craig, Kyle, & Jeff



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Corey Nash

To a wonderful son and brother. You have brought such joy to our lives. Through the years, we have had the privilege to see you grow into an intelligent, confident, caring young man. We are extremely proud of you and are looking forward to this new phase in your life. Congratulations on your graduation.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, & Christen



Class of 2007

Corey Nash

Congratulations on your fine accomplishments during your high school years. We wish to thank you for all the enjoyment we received as a result of your participation in sports and music. As you continue your education, we know that you will continue to be a role model for others. Best wishes to our "Superman".
Love,
Grandma & Grandpa



Class of 2007

Corey Nash

How quickly the years have gone by. The walks we took, the games we played and all the activities at school I attended. It was all so much fun. Last year at football was the most exciting. I am sure you will achieve all that you want to be. To me you are the greatest young man and I love you.
Grandma



Class of 2007

Aarón Salczynski



What an exceptional high school career. Outstanding person, academic honors and great athlete. You're the "Whole Package" Aaron, and we are so very proud of

you and the decisions you've made every single day. Work and play hard at Purdue. You have a very bright future ahead of you. In our hearts you are simply the best!
Love Dad, Mom, & Carly



Class of 2007

Melony Cabrales



Dearest Melony, I can't believe the day is here. "Graduation". The years have went by so fast, you have become a beautiful young lady.

We are very proud of you. Follow your dreams, they will come true for you. I know you will make the right decisions in life.

Love Mom, Joe, Renee, Britney, Casey, Benny



Class of 2007

Eric Ritter



To our little boy,
You have grown up
into a great young
man. Good luck in
College. You have
made your family

proud.

Love
Mom, Dad, & Jessy



Class of 2007

Amanda Uram

Amanda Lauren Uram, Mayday, Wrecker, Animal, sometimes the child from the travel-space. Athlete, musician, best friend, coach, favorite aunt, sister, our wonderful daughter. Congratulations on your high school graduation and good luck at St. Joseph's college. You have grown before our eyes from a playful panther cub into a mature ambitious puma. We are proud to call ourselves your

mom and dad. Your paw prints are everywhere, from the soccer field, to the band room in the pool and through the halls of Griffith High School. They are now on the trail to college. Don't ever stop leaving your paw print on the path of life. You are destined for greatness!

Love, Mom and Dad



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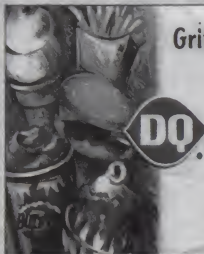
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Pack Hundred money
and get my passport!
-Ashley Darrough 9

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-Jessica Flores 9

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A closing NOTE to 06-07

Days go by, turning into months, and before you know it, another school year is done and over with. Throughout the course of the year, so many things change. New friends are made, old enemies are forgotten, and most importantly, another year of knowledge is in the brain. The teachers that were unknown are now part of the school, and the familiar teachers are even more appreciated. There are different things each student would like to accomplish in the year. It may be being in the top ten of their class, or maybe just getting an A on their report card. "My biggest goal in high school was to be number one in my class," said Valedictorian Matthew Kuna. "I did it and it feels really good."

During the school year, many things change, and people start to figure out what they are going to do after high school. One of the best parts of the year is knowing everyday takes everyone closer to the summer. For the seniors, the summer might be a scary thing, because for most, after summer their life starts as an adult living on their own. "I am kind of scared to move on with life but I'm excited at the same time," said senior Evan Hixon. There is no need to dwell on life after summer. There are still fun and exciting things going on up until the last day of school. The spring sports usually indicate the end of the year. Baseball, softball, tennis, golf, and track are all going on for every ones enjoyment. The talent show, senior banquet, top ten dinner, and graduation are some of they many events that occur at the end of the year that are unforgettable.

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This book was printed by Herff Jones at 6015 Travis Lane, P.O. Box 10m Shawnee Mission Kansas. The Reflector Staff would like to thank your yearbook Representative for helping us with all of our problems and always having a great attitude about it. This year the colors of the book are Black and Gold. The theme of this book is Note To Self. The theme pages including end sheets, title page, opening, closing, dividers and the colophon were designed by Darci Lopez. The other sections were created by Britney Hill, Aundalyse Parquet, Casey Nunez, Laura Beaupain, Rachel Convery, & Angela Kepchar. The cover of the yearbook was designed by the editor and generated by the plant. The sections throughout the book are different by design and font. The story font is AHJ Bellows size 10. AHJ Antique Olive Light was used for the captions size 9, photo by size 7, and the font in the info boxes under the headline. Other fonts used throughout the book are, AHJ Alistar, AHJ Ad Lib, AHJ Cursive Hand, AHJ Benjamin Gothic, and AHJ Bernhard Tango.

Almost all of the pictures taken for the yearbook were by a digital camera and uploaded to the computers. Imageln is used to place them on the spreads. Pictures for sports teams, groups, faculty and senior pictures were taken by Larry Titak Photography and all under classmen pictures were taken by Interstate Studios, Inc.

The goal of the staff is to give the students and faculty a book they will enjoy and by able to look back on and remember their high school years.

We all would like to thank our yearbook advisor Kristina Collard for being patient with us and supporting everything we choose to do with our book. The seniors will really miss her and wish her the best with the baby on the way

Letter from the editor... My senior year has gone by so fast. There have been times when I really didn't want to be here at all. The main thing that got me through high school was my love for journalism and design. The yearbook is something that I put a lot of thought and heart into. I have loved design and journalism since I was eight. My partner in action was Olivia Barlow. She has been a friend since I was eight. I don't know what I would have done without her then, and more importantly, now. This year, I have gotten to know a lot of people I probably wouldn't have known or talked to throughout high school. The whole staff is amazing for putting up with my stubbornness and attitude sometimes. I really appreciate all of them and I know they will do great without Kraiko next year. All my four years of high school were a lot easier thanks to Kraiko. She has taught me a lot about journalism and myself. When times got hard with all the stress, I know I could always turn to my mom and my best friend Kelsey. They always know how to calm me down and make everything okay. I put a lot into this book and I hope you all like it! - Darci Lopez

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

The public sector has also become a major employer of women. In 1980, women made up 40% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 50%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of women in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people with disabilities. In 1980, people with disabilities made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people with disabilities in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from ethnic minorities. In 1980, people from ethnic minorities made up 2% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 5%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from ethnic minorities in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from the lower social classes. In 1980, people from the lower social classes made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 20%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from the lower social classes in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

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"It's fun being in a room full of beautiful girls, especially Daro."
-Steven Aguilera '11

"No food in the back room and weekly reports are due!"

-Kristina Colard

Laura Beaupain
"Proofs are the bane of my existence!" '11

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"Who stole my keyboard?" '11

"Promises are never meant to be broken"

-Britney Hill '11

"I am going to slap Daro!"
-Olivia Barbow '12



David Kujawa



Steven Aguilera



Kristina Colard

"Libby, Help I spilled water on my keyboard!"
-Lauren W. '11



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"Crowd surfing is the root of all evil and insurance commercials!"

-Charisse Bogan '10



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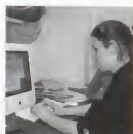


Sara Winecki



Kelli Bogan

"I dont know what is going on!"
-Josh Long '11



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"I like Pans!" '9

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"If it needs to be done, it do it!"
-David Kujawa '11

"Wings? Yeah, they are worth going through potholes for!"
-Melissa Hilgore '10

"I am not the
evil one, I swear
Libby is!"

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"No amount
of miles can
keep true love
apart."

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"Not unless I
sue you first."

-Ashley Perry 12

-Angela Kephlar
"Who stole
my chair?"

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Ashley Perry

"Shut up when
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-Ashley Perry 12



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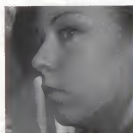
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"The practice of for-
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tion to the healing
of the world."

-Aundy Parquet 11

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Josh Long



Laura Beaupain

-Stacy Sanchez
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Angela Kephlar



Casey Nunez

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"I'm going to get
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